



Andersen's Fairy Tales

Hans Christian Andersen (1805 - 1875)

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Andersen's Fairy Tales is a collection of eighteen stories by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen that includes such classics as “The Little Mermaid”, “The Emperor’s New Clothes”, “Thumbelina” and “The Princess and the Pea”. The first stories were new versions of stories he heard in his childhood, which he enlivened with a bold and original style and a gift for humor and dark pathos. He created original stories and published two installments of the first volume in 1835, followed by a third in 1837. They sold poorly at first and achieved little recognition. He continued to produce stories, publishing a second collection in 1938, *Fairy Tales Told For Children*, which included the “Tin Soldier” and “The Wild Swans”. His recognition grew with the appearance in 1845 of four translations of the fairy tales and the publication of *The*

Little Mermaid in the periodical *Bentley’s Miscellany*. A second volume was published, *Wonderful Stories for Children*, later followed by *A Danish Story Book and Wonderful Stories for Children*. He continued to write and publish the tales in regular installments until 1872.

Hans Christian Andersen (April 2, 1805 – August 4, 1875) was born in Odense, Denmark to working parents; his father was a shoemaker and his mother a washerwoman. He left home at age 14 to seek his fortune as an artist, singer and actor, with little success. With the help of the director of the Royal Theatre he was able to pursue his education and attend university, where he began writing. He first gained recognition as a poet, and later as a novelist before becoming known for his fairy tales. While his *Fairy Tales* took some years to gain recognition, the tales became widely known in his lifetime. He eventually wrote over 150 tales which have been translated into over 100 languages. He is regarded as the greatest Danish writer, and his legacy lives on in the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award given by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark every two years to an author and illustrator of children’s literature.