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Best Of Polish Fairy Tales



Synopsis

The book includes more than 100 illustrations. Reading these fairy tales, you will enjoy the wisdom and life experience of many generations of Polish people that are behind them. If you want to feel the humor of this wonderful nation and get a glimpse of its people's kindness, just continue reading these wonderful tales. This book comprises the following 50 fairy tales: 1. Maria: What Is Destined to Come Shall Come 2. Anuska the Golden Braid 3. About Two Girls – A Kind One and a Wicked One 4. The Girl and the Prince in the Cow's Skin 5. Lazy Girl 6. Sermon 7. Three Lamps 8. About a Simple Man Who Comforted His Master 9. People Getting Rich 10. Extraordinary Wife 11. Owl and the Hawk 12. The Reason Why the Hare Eats No Meat 13. Dog's Winter Thoughts and Summer Thoughts 14. Is there justice in this world? 15. Mazek's Debt 16. Very Worst Punishment 17. It Does not Stab, nor Does It Shoot, yet It Knocks One Senseless 18. About a Rich Gentleman 19. How a Smith Worked His Way to Heaven 20. About a Prince Who Did not Want to Die 21. A Present for the King's Godson 22. About the King's Son 23. How a Simple Man's Son Became the King and Married a Sea Girl 24. How the Dog Got the Wolf Wear Boots 25. Gustek's Misfortune 26. Two Brothers 27. Miracle at the Mill 28. Lark and the Wolf 29. Spellbound Pike 30. Ostruda Stone 31. The Dwarf and the Bear 32. Nobleman and Michal 33. Punished for Guile 34. Misfortune 35. Ram Brother and Duck Sister 36. Shepherd 37. Golden Fish 38. Gold Trot 39. Healing Water 40. Prince and His Helpers 41. About a Cockerel 42. Fisherman's Son and the Water Man's Daughter 43. Boy and His Dog and Cat, and the Lion Cub 44. One Who Went to Ask the Sun 45. Magic Gun, Fiddle, and Boots 46. Glass Hill 47. Fear 48. Titelitur 49. Tailor's Wife and the Countess 50. How the Slug Defeated the Fox. None of these fairy tales has been previously published in this English translation.

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To read these is to get an insight into the minds of people past. These are not your Disney, but original versions. I read Polish fairy tales to my daughter every night. I explain how companies like Disney have gotten so many things wrong. Book has some interesting illustrations. Overall, Polish Fairy Tales is a charming, clever, entertaining work. There is an active table of contents. For instance, here are a couple of tales from this book: 1) In winter, when the frost is bitter, the Dog curls up, covering his body with his tail, shivers and thinks, "I cannot wait for summer to come! I will surely build a kennel, at least a small and rickety one!" As soon as summer comes, the Dog mellows in the sunshine, stretching his legs, his tail loose. Stretching and looking around, he says, "I would have to build a very large kennel. That would be a great deal of trouble! No need to bother. I can do without it!" 2) Once upon a time, there were two neighbors. A neighbor's name was Kukolka, and the other's was Kukolochka. Kukolka was very rich, and Kukolochka was very poor. Misfortune lived on his stove. It looked very much like an owl. Whatever he earned, she would either gulp or take to the rich man. Kukolochka grew angry, for Misfortune had taken away everything, and he did not have a bread crumb in his house. He took along his wife, a jointer, and a piece of a wooden board, and went to the woods. Seeing it, Misfortune cried after them, "Hey, where are you going?" "We are sick and tired of misfortune; we are going to the woods." Misfortune laughed and said that she was going to arrive before they reached the forest. They reached a small river, put the board across it, crossed the river, and took the board off.

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