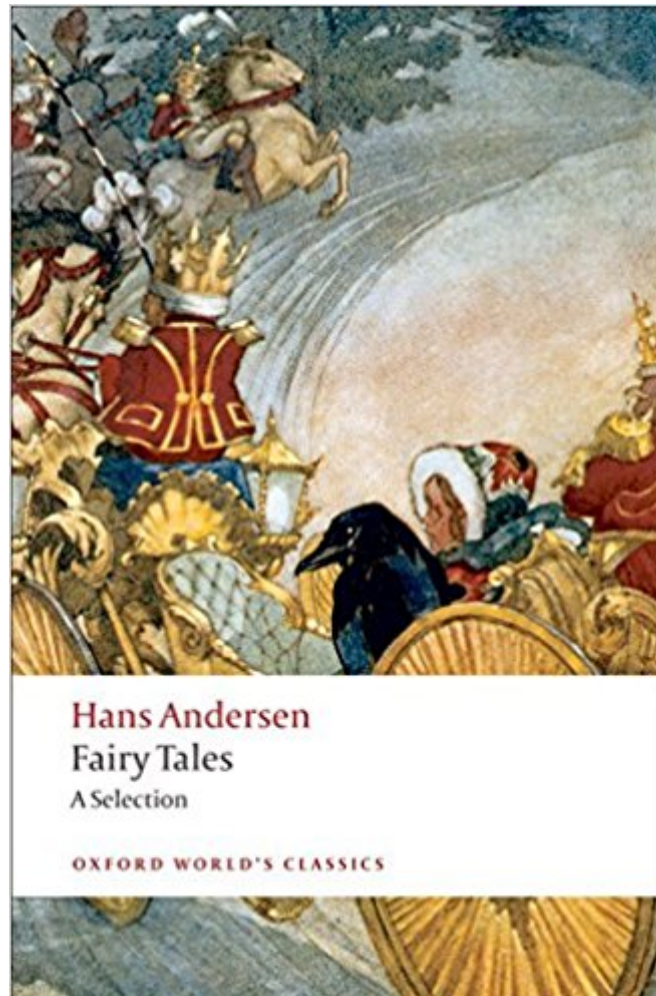




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Hans Christian Andersen was a Danish author and poet most famous for his fairy tales.

my grandmother used to read these tales to me when i was a child. I bought the book to revive the happy memories of that time and i not only found that again but also stories with a lot of wisdom and not only for children.

This is an extremely readable selection of 26, out of about 156, of Hans Andersen tales. As the brief

but very fine and helpful introduction by Naomi Lewis points out, these tales are perhaps more for adults than children, as Andersen himself wanted them to be. Most of them have a darker side. I also believe that the eminent literary critic, Harold Bloom, includes Andersen in his select list of short story writers qualified to be part of the Western canon. I did prefer some of the collection's early and middle tales, such as "Little Claus and Big Claus," "The Travelling-Companion," and "The Little Mermaid" to a handful of the later ones like "She was Good for Nothing," or "The Family and the Gardener." It seems that Andersen's true imaginary gifts shine best where his writing is least in step with the real world.

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