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The O'Brien Book Of Irish Fairy Tales And Legends



Synopsis

Irish fairy tales and legends are full of enchantment, brave deeds and lost loves. Told from generation to generation, they are as fascinating now as they were to their original listeners. This wonderfully rich and varied collection are ten of the best-loved traditional Irish stories, retold by author and poet Una Leavy. The post of Gold captures the trickery and mischief of leprechauns; the story of Oisín in Tir-na-nÓg marks the end of the great Fianna. From 2000 years ago comes The Children of Lir. All stories to be treasured for years to come. Susan Field's beautiful illustrations are inspired by ancient Celtic art and culture. They capture the wealth of tradition, the humor and the magic of these great stories. Now available in paperback.

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The tales are beautifully told, in a way that's a pleasure to read aloud ... the illustrations are stunning - gorgeous and lush. It's the sort of book that should work equally well for an independent reader or as a read-aloud book for younger children ... a lovely book to have in the house, and would definitely be a great present for friends and relations overseas who might like a little Irish lore on their bookshelves -- parent.ie a gorgeous collection -- RaisingIreland.com beautiful illustrations -- RaisingIreland.com I urge you to and buy this book! -- RaisingIreland.com a great book to share with younger children ... illustrations are strong and bold -- Mad About Books 'Leavy and Field have combined to produce what must be the most stylish and accessible collection of recent times.' -- Books for Keeps 'Every page of the beautiful book glows.' -- Publishers Weekly Publishers Weekly

'Leavy manages to capture the ancient and bewitching qualities of these legends ... A grand book for learning the ancient myths and keeping the stories of the Celts alive down through the generations.' -- The Irish Herald 'Leavy spins her tales with the cadence and rhythms of an accomplished storyteller.' -- Kirkus Reviews (USA) 'Lovely to look at and exciting to read, this collection is a memorable addition to the folklore shelves.' -- Booklist (USA) 'the illustrations are beautiful and perfectly reflect the magic and mystery of the stories' -- ParentsInTouch.co.uk 'stories are just the right length for a cosy bedtime read' -- Woman's Way 'The Irish are wonderful storytellers and here some of the best traditional tales and legends have been collected. Lyrically retold, ten ancient stories are brought to today's young readers in a fresh and lively form' 'These stories must not be lost, and -- parentsintouch.co.uk 'magical collection perfect for a spot of escapism' -- Evening Echo 'perfect for use in school, at home ... reading aloud ... reading alone' -- Carousel 'a wonderful collection, with language that evokes the best of Irish storytelling, superbly enhanced by Fields' magical illustrations' -- Carousel 'I rate this book 10/10' -- Books Ireland 'I like this book and I also liked the illustration by Susan Field and the way it was written by Una Leavy' -- Books Ireland

Una Leavy has written many books for children. She works as a primary school teacher in County Mayo. Una Leavy was born in Charlestown, Co. Mayo. She has been writing since early childhood. A primary school teacher by profession, she is married to Lorcan and they have six children. Her writing includes poetry, articles and short stories which have been published in various magazines and periodicals. Much of her work has been for children and to date she has published seven books with the O'Brien Press.

I recently toured Ireland, and heard some legends and lore of the country. I can't think of a better book to share with my grandchildren to give them insight into the culture and history of the land. The illustrations are beautiful, too!

Nice illustrations... charmingly told.

I am very glad that I found this book. Una Leahy is a very good choice to read. The illustrations are beautiful.

Our grandchildren love the stories. Books like this help young people develop reading skills by

making reading fun and interesting.

Fantastic and exactly what I was after

Beautiful illustrations & a creative, entertaining, satisfying, and kid-friendly take on each tale. Love this book! I look forward to reading it to my kids.

This collection of Irish tales is a wonderful introduction to the field. The selection include both serious and humorous stories, certain to entertain young and old alike. The illustrations were a bit disappointing, but don't significantly detract. The pronunciation guide will be helpful to many who did not study Irish in school.

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