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Tales that anticipate new television shows, as well as new movies scheduled for release in the coming year

Twisted Fairy Tales is an anthology of black magic legends that only the bravest young readers will dare to delve into before bedtime. But once they open this unusual volume, they won't put it down until they've reached the very last page.

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Editorial ReviewFrom School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—Whether it's "Beauty and the Beast," "Little Red Riding Hood," or any of these other adapted tales, the bare plots should be familiar to most readers. But like any good story, it's the details that make them all work. Scenes such as the young boy on crutches in "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" hobbling to keep up to the enchantments of the piper's music or the wicked stepmother in "The Cinder Wench" forcing her daughters to cut off their toes to fit the glass slipper are gloriously grisly and take readers to places they don't normally see. As author of the dark fantasy comic-book series "Jennifer Wilde," McHugh really capitalizes on her experience in the genre to spin these old yarns in ways that are surprising, dramatic, and even enlightening. She does an especially good job in developing the characters. In her version of "Snow White," for example, the queen looks in her magic mirror every day, seeing herself not just aging but losing favor with her husband as Snow gains in beauty and influence nearly every day. She becomes obsessed with maintaining her power by any means necessary, magical or otherwise. This Gothic, almost Poe-esque sense of character drives her to terrible actions and adds compelling layers that stretch her beyond the bounds of being merely evil. Laurie's highly gestural use of dark inks, bold reds, and almost sickly yellows creates a frenetic, late-night horror feel that emboldens the already strong Gothic tone throughout. While not for the weak of heart, these darkened versions manage to bring back the most important magic of fairy tales: showing readers how they can face horrible things and still survive.—Matthew L. Moffett, Fairfax County Public Libraries, VA Review

"This is a beautifully illustrated book... Teens who enjoy fairy tales and dystopian/fantasy worlds such as *Cinder and Scarlet* by Marissa Meyer and *The Throne of Glass* by Sarah Maas will enjoy these dark short stories."

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Open this book - but only after you've prepared yourself for a shock! Most of these tales are titles that are familiar enough, but you'll be astonished by the unexpected twists of plot and the sinister characters whose dark shadows add more than a touch of the macabre to stories you once thought you knew so well. Maura McHugh's frightening interpretations bring several of these stories very close to their ancient, often horrifying origins - as discovered, for instance, in the nineteenth century by the Brothers Grimm.

Nevertheless, if you are among those fearless readers who thrive on chilling tales, you won't want to put this book down until you've reached the very last page. **Users ReviewFrom reader reviews:**

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