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The Velveteen Rabbit: Or How Toys Become Real (The Classic Edition)



Synopsis

Engaging new illustrations by renowned artist Charles Santoreâillustrator of *The Night Before Christmas*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Snow White*, and many othersâreinvigorate the classic childrenâs story of the Velveteen Rabbit. An oversized heirloom edition with three times as many illustrations as the original edition. Includes embossed and foil cover. Originally published in 1922, the classic story of a toy rabbit who loves a boy so much he eventually becomes real has charmed childrenâ and adultsâ for nearly a century. This heirloom edition, containing Margery Williamsâ original text paired with gorgeous paintings by award-winning illustrator Charles Santore, is sure to be treasured by families for many years to come.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 and up

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

This is a cherished story from my childhood, so I already knew that I wanted to pass on the keepsake. I had the opportunity to buy several different versions of this story and found that I liked the illustrations in this version the best. They just have a classic feel to them.

I have read this book to my children and they have never forgotten it. Now I am going to read it to my first grandchild. This book is a classic and for all children who have that one cuddle toy, they do

believe that toys do come alive because they are loved so much. I also read to elementary school children and plan on reading this book to them as well. I will be asking their teacher ahead of time for each of them to bring in their "most loved" toy so that each of them will be able to relate to the story and truly believe and cherish their most loved toy.

The Velveteen Rabbit is the story of a stuffed toy given as a Christmas gift to a boy, and then being forgotten and left to its own devices in the nursery. As the title suggests, he is made of soft velveteen and "he was fat and bunchy, as a rabbit should be; his coat was spotted brown and white, he had real thread whiskers, and his ears were lined with pink sateen". He spends his days waiting for the 'boy' to return to the nursery to claim him and love him, so he can become a 'real' rabbit. This, he is reliably informed by the skin horse, his only friend and the oldest and wisest toy in the nursery, is how toys become real. "Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real." The Velveteen Rabbit's wish to be claimed again comes true when the boy finally does come back for him, or rather Nanny does, and he and the boy become inseparable. Until, that is, the boy falls ill with scarlet fever and all things change. This enchanting story brought heaps of memories flooding back. I am sure many a child with a favourite toy they loved more than the rest will have dreamt of it becoming 'real' one day. I know I did, so this touched a chord. Not only that, it really is the most endearing of tales, with touches of sadness and moments of joy. It tells us toys have feelings too; and when you are a child, that is just what you do believe or want to believe. The writing is inspiring and the illustrations are divine, totally in keeping with the original artwork first published in 1922. No specific age can be applied to reading and enjoying this beautiful, heart-warming book; it's suitable for both young and old. And, it is certainly a book that should grace every child's bookshelf.

I tutor 2 2nd graders every year in reading. I give this book to each as a reminder of how important love is. When I feel their love in return for my caring, it certainly makes me "real". And I hope I do the same for them. It's such a beautifully written story with such an important message. Every child should read it or have it read to them.

I purchased it for my grandson as part of his birthday present. It brought back memories when I heard a minister speak on the book during his sermon in church service and I said to myself I must read that book thoroughly again because of what he brought out of the book for meaning that day. I

reread it and I am very happy I purchased it for my grandson to have as a collection for years to come.

My granddaughter loved this book, and it arrived just in time for Easter! Unfortunately, although listed as a "new" book, it had been inscribed inside the front cover. No matter - I replaced it with a book plate, and inscribed it again!

I would highly recommend this book for any child. The story is a delight, the pictures are beautiful. A treasure to keep for a lifetime.

I purchased this book because I had never heard of this story before and a friend told me about it. She reads it to her grandchildren every Christmas. I was very curious about this book, so I immediately went to see if I had the "original" version. Sure enough, I had what I was looking for. This story is such a heartwarming, lovely story for children. It teaches a range of emotions that we as human beings feel. It also teaches a child love for everyone and everything in their lives. I loved, loved, loved this story, as well as the book itself. I am an adult, and after I have read this book a couple of more times, I will pass it on to a very special child. The illustrations and colors in the book are fabulous, as well. VERY HAPPY WITH THIS PURCHASE. Judy

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