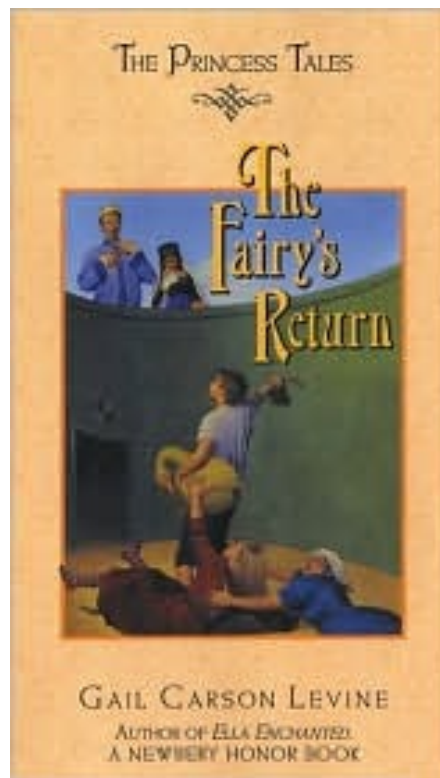




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Boy meets princess, and it's love at first sight. Both laugh of the same jokes. Both are named after birds. His name is Robin, hers is Lark. Could there ever have been a more perfect match?

But alas! King Harrumphrey won't let Lark marry a baker's son. And Robin is betrothed to someone else.

Now toss in Robin's nonsense-talking brothers, Nat and Matt, their versifying father, and Ethelinda, the fairy who wrought havoc in *The Fairy's Mistake*, and you've got a "nutcrazical" situation!

A hilarious spoof on 'The Golden Goose' by the Brothers Grimm, *The Fairy's Return* is the sixth Princess Tale from beloved Newbery Honor author and master fairy tale reteller Gail Carson Levine.

The Fairy's Return Details

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Karen says

Gail Carson Levine has a very deft and light touch when it re-telling classic fairytales.

At first, I was reminded of James Thurber's Thirteen Clocks and Edward Lear's The Ring and the Rose. Even though The Golden Goose was one of my favorite stories as a child -- I loved the ridiculous imagery -- I didn't connect The Fairy's Return with The Golden Goose until, well, the golden goose.

What a delightful, quick read this book was! I'm sure the characters will stay with me long past the final word.

Shelby says

I never expected that the at hour could keep you interseted in the story line in way that is unexplainable

Fables&Wren says

WrensReads Review:

Do you like retelling of fairy-tales? Gail Carson Levine is the author for you. She is witty, and pokes fun at fairy-tales all the while making you love the story even more.

"King Harrumphrey tapped the scroll. "Not that 'any harrumph.'"

The scribe wrote noble in tiny letters to the left of man.

The king was getting annoyed. "Not 'any harrumphman.' 'Any harrumph.'"

– For Biddle's Sake by Gail Carson Levine

Just by this part of the book, you can grasp the humor Levine puts in her words. Her use of run-on sentences leaves you out of breath and laughing from the repetitiveness. Her objective to point out the obvious will keep you entertained. In this instance, she has a king that replaces words with harrumph and expects people to know what he means.

The Fairy's Return, a fairy-tale based on the German fairy-tale The Goose Girl by Brothers Grimm, is about a little princess and a baker's son who fall in love. The baker's son [Robin] never gets to finish a job with his two word-inventing brothers and rhyming father. The Princess [Lark] never gets to play a game fairly because everyone is afraid to let her fail at one.

King Harrumphrey will not let her marry Robin when he finally treats her like a real person. The baker will not let Robin marry Lark when she listens and laughs at all his jokes.

The king decided to hold a contest for all the princes to come make her laugh! So Princess Lark thinks of sad things to make herself cry for days because of her love for Robin.

Fairy Ethelinda [remember her from 'The Fairy's Mistake?!] gifts Robin with a golden goose after a series of

events. That won't accomplish his dream to marry the princess, but it is a start...

Will Fairy Ethelinda get over her fear of gifting/curing people? Will Robin have to marry the innkeeper's third daughter Golly? Will Lark laugh at an unexpected prince and be forced to marry him? Will Robin ever finish a joke with his family? Will Lark ever be treated as a normal person? Will the end up happily ever after? Will the goose ever get a break?

Levine has a splash of humor you will not find anyone else. Using plays on words and awkward humor, this is perfect for a story for a young girl or for a grown woman who can't get enough of fairy-tales (cough me). I will always be a fan of Levine's writing and I am so happy I picked them up first on my own quest to reread all my favorite books.

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Meg McGregor says

I have always enjoyed Ms. Levine's stories and this one doesn't disappoint!

It is a retelling of The Golden Goose and it is filled with humor and large doses of just plain fun!

I thought his jokes were pretty funny! I have included just a few!

What's a dwarf's favorite food? Strawberry shortcake.

Which rank of nobility is best a math? A count.

Why is a king like a yardstick? They are both rulers.

Okay. I can hear you groaning now! But Princess Lark loved them and that is all that counts! LOL

Gregandemy says

not my favorite of the series, but still fun. My daughter liked some of the jokes in the book and liked seeing Ethelinda the fairy back in another story.

Rosie Adams says

For a complete review, check out my Young Adult book blog:

<https://readsandroses.com/2017/10/23/...>

Lark and Robin are perfect for each other – except for the fact that she is a princess and he is a baker's son. Despite their efforts to be together, their families will not allow it. But is The Fairy's Return powerful enough to change that? Can the fairy Ethelinda make a way for these two lovebirds?

Are you an avid reader of YA fiction? If so, please consider becoming a follower of my blog, <https://readsandroses.com>, or participating by leaving comments! I love hearing from my fellow book lovers.

Janis says

Another great book by Gail Levine. This one is based on a fairy tale about a princess who doesn't laugh and how her father tries to find someone (NOT a commoner) who can get her to laugh. Of course, she has already found the one she loves who makes her laugh, but he is a commoner. They are both sad and lonely until they find each other, but are kept apart because of their social status. Read it to find out how they finally get together!

Josiah says

A cute and funny retelling of the classic "Golden Goose."

Plot: B

Writing: A

Vocabulary: B

Level: Easy

Rating: G

Worldview: agnostic

Heather says

This wasn't my favorite of the Princess Tales. But they were all enjoyable. Found out that these books all come together in a compilation called "The Fairy's Return" that my local library had. If you need a light, quick read as a break between some heavier books, I highly recommend these.

Shauna says

Ethelinda returns from Ella Enchanted, and tries to make good from her bumbling mistakes. In this case, she helps baker's son Robin and princess Lark get together in spite of the objections of King Harrumphrey and the baker. I think I read this before.

Kaylynn Johnsen says

Like Annakin Skywalker, Ethelinda (from the first book) has returned. But this time she is determined that she won't make any of the same mistakes. Can the baker's son, a golden goose and Ethelinda make the princess laugh?

Each of these books is a charmer, filled with witty fun. Each has a message without being the least bit preachy. I would recommend this series to anyone with a daughter... or a granddaughter.. or to anyone with

estrogen.

Galib says

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Emily says

I'm reading this to Claire now. She's addicted to Princess books!

Claire is a princess addict (as I mentioned earlier) and really enjoyed this book. There are fairies, princesses, golden geese, contests, princes, magic wishes... you can't get much better than that! :) The formula is eternal for all little (and sometimes, I must admit, 'big') girls!

Ima Vee says

Love it to the bones just as I loved Ella Enchanted. It's a children's book but it's still a fun and laugh-out-loud love story every grown-ups will also love. Love indeed conquers all, well of course, with a little twist of magic. Harummmph...

Angie says

Fun, quick, creative. I wish she would go into more detail in these princess tales. She falls into "telling" instead of "showing." Another good read for the pre-teen, early teen. Although, I must say that Levine is using really young kids in a love story. I don't like that an 11-year-old falls in love in one day and knows who they want to marry, even if it is just a fairy tale. Too young to be concerned with matters of the heart in my book.

Diane says

Retelling of the Golden Goose; Robin (baker's son) wins the heart of Lark (princess)

Tina says

funny and hilarious.

Kathy says

Cute. When I got it from the library I meant to get The Fairy's Return that included 6 fairy tales. However, since I had it I figured I might as well read it. It was a fast & fun read & I still want to read the others. I guess I just enjoy a good fairy tale now & then. I think this would make a fun read aloud for young kids.

Rebekah says

Read it because they had had it in my local library and um, hello? It's a Gail Carson Levine! It was cute, very short, but fun none the less. It had the G.C.L. flair to it and that's pretty much all it takes to get my vote!

Sarah Sammis says

Earlier in the year before Harriet started reading, she went through a princess phase. She's still mad about princesses but now she prefers to draw them instead of reading about them. She also went through a period where she wanted to be read to during her long baths. So we read through Gail Carson Levine's short chapter books.

The Fairy's Return by Gail Carson Levine is her unique take on the Golden Goose fairy tale. There's Robin, the baker's son and the very bored Princess Lark, and a fairy trying to do good but not necessarily getting it right.

Harriet's not familiar with the original story but she thought it was funny that the boy and the girl both had bird names. Of all the books from this series we read, this one didn't hold her attention as well as others did.
