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The authors of the Fellowship of Fantasy tackle fairy tales from once upon a time to happily ever after. Explore twists on old tales and brand new magical stories. Meet feisty mermaids, friendly lampposts, and heroes who just might be monsters themselves.

This fourth anthology from the Fellowship of Fantasy will lead you on a quest for entertainment and storm the castle of your imagination. So make a wish and enter the deep dark woods to find stories that will make you laugh, shiver, and maybe even fall in love.

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Anne Wingate says

Well Worth Reading

This is one of a series of modern and old-fashioned stories in the fairy tale genre. I enjoy them so much that I wish wrote this kind of work so that I could be a part of this game. But since I don't, I can rejoice in reading them.

Sarah says

Excellent collection of stories— the best yet, in fact!

Deborah O'Carroll says

Note: *I've only read 3 of the stories in this collection (so I feel kind of weird reviewing it), but I reviewed those three for the Tales of Ever After blog tour and am posting those here. I'll probably update this review someday when I read the rest of the stories in the collection, but I LOVED the 3 I read so far, so I feel like rating the overall collection 5 stars works, since it's definitely worth it at least for these. :D*

CINDERS

by Kendra E. Ardnek

Okay, that was adorable and enchanting! I have a new story to put on my growing list of top-favorite Cinderella retellings. :D I LOVED this one!

The thing about retellings is that you can't usually say much about the twists/plots/bits that make you really like them, without spoiling the story. XD So I won't. But I did LOVE the twists a ton. Some I suspected, others were a delightful surprise, and a few times I got worried about how it would turn out and then things worked PERFECTLY and made me absurdly happy.

There's also a cute kitten. And humor. And loveable characters! And... well... what more can be said? It's a classic Cinderella story flipped on its head and made fabulous all over again. I loved it so much! The perfect story to start out this collection. :)

So what are you waiting for? Go pick up this free collection and read Cinders! I'll be over here contemplating rereading it, and hugging it because I adored it. ^_^

AT THE CORNER OF ELM AND MAIN

by H.L. Burke

What an utterly charming and perfect story! <3

GAH. *clutches heart* *clutches this story and hugs it* At the Corner of Elm and Main is SO ADORABLE. I love it so much! <3 I'm having a hard time explaining it, but how cool is the idea of a sentient lamppost? It makes me think of a Pixar short or something. Which of course is perfect. :)

I love the setting and "feel" of this one, feeling somewhat shadowy and cold with (probably) cobblestone streets and rain and a lamplighter going around lighting lamps, including our hero, Abner.

Abner the lamppost is MY FAVORITE THING. He's wonderful. I loved reading the story from his perspective. And I loved the mysterious old woman who sits on the bench, too.

This is a positively delightful original fairytale type story, with SO much heart and charm. It's a joy to read, but also has depth to it, and unexpected feels. Everything was so vivid and the delightful writing drew me right into it. It's going to sound weird but I really related to the lamppost character. ^_^

I'm definitely going to be reading this one again sometime. It lit a light in my heart and made me smile. :)

I can't say anything else without spoiling it, but basically, you need this adorable story in your life ASAP! Go forth and read it and have your heart melted like mine was! <3

BELIEVING FAIRY TALES

by Arthur Daigle

Short stories are hard to review without spoiling, and I really don't want to spoil this one because it has an excellent plot twist, but I'll do my best. :P

Arthur Daigle is one of my new favorite authors I've discovered this year, due to just a couple of short stories in previous Fellowship of Fantasy anthologies. (Those two short stories featured one of my favorite-ever dynamic duos, Dana Illwind and Sorcerer Lord Jayden.)

So I was excited to review this short story! Despite not having said two favorite characters in it, this short story does contain Mr. Daigle's signature humor, fantastical setting (including monsters), twists, and a snarky main character who stands up for himself, as well as a mischievous goblin.

Nestor is a boy who spends his time keeping the shrine of the Brotherhood of Righteousness clean and reading old manuscripts -- and Gibber is a little goblin who loves to annoy him and prank people. Their relationship was fun. XD

Enter some problems in the form of some villains, a lot of hilarious conversations (with snarky lines like: "I would have lost my faith in humanity if I'd ever had it.") and a plot twist that I started slightly guessing at (and had me going "OOH!"), and it's overall a delightful original fairy tale type story. :D

I loved the bits about people not getting fairytales right. XD

This story was a lot of fun, and the setting and humor reminded me of Terry Pratchett's Discworld books. It's slightly scary (just fantasy violence) but awesome overall, and I loved it! I'm excited to read the rest of the stories in this collection, as well as more of Arthur Daigle's work!

Fantasy that makes me laugh is my favorite, and this absolutely qualifies! <3

J.M. Jablowski says

Let me just say, these were adorable. I don't really have another way to describe all the sweet little warm fuzzies I got from story after story.

And, if I'm not mistaken, every single author that is published in this book is an indie author, so this is a great way to be introduced to your next favorite author.

There were 16 of these wonderful fairy tales in here, so obviously I can't review them ALL. Therefore I'm going to highlight my three favorites, in no particular order

The Princess and The Stone Picker- An Original Fairy Tale by Sarah Ashwood

This one was so sweet you guys! I think out of all of them, this one actually made me cry. I cried happy tears because it was just really sweet. It felt like it was a classic fairy tale, it had all the charm of one. But obviously I had never heard it before.

The Quest for a Wide-Awake Princess by Lia London

This one made me laugh out loud a few times. This one was a spoof on a few classic fairy tales and it had a very light-hearted tone and a "don't take yourself too seriously" attitude. I especially liked the kissing scenes. They might have made me giggle a little bit because they succeeded in being both funny and cute.

Being Seen by Gretchen E. K. Engel

Being Seen actually really impressed me. While it's technically a short story, it feels like a longer story, and I mean that in a good way. Engel built a whole fantasy steampunk world with a culture and history that I found really intriguing. It felt like this story should be a novel, but it also didn't feel rushed.

More so than any other story, this one made me want to go look up the author and see what else she might have written.

So there you have it! I give this book high marks, and since the ebook is free on Amazon I highly recommend you going to check it out for yourself. Happy reading!

Aria says

I loved this!

Marquise says

Not quite consistently good all throughout the stories it contains, but with enough good stories to be one of the better anthologies out there.

The retellings I liked best were:

***Tears of the Sea* by Savannah Jezowski**

A take on "The Little Mermaid" that was my absolute favourite. It's not like the original by Andersen at all, maybe the mermaid's fascination with humans is about the only element in common or so, and it could qualify as its own mermaid fantasy story instead of going out as a retelling of an existing one. It'd make for a great full novel, too. Great characterisation and great prose.

The Loathly Princess of Edimor by L. Palmer

Not a retelling proper, it's a story inspired by (I'm assuming mostly, because of the elements in common) the Arthurian tale of Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady. It reads like a mix of knightly tale with fairy tale, and is very hilarious. The knight in the story is a decent fellow, very likable and honest, and the princess, though a textbook royal brat in the start, also grows as a character eventually.

I give the two above a 5-star rating each, they were that good for me. Aside these, I'd mention the following for the honours roll: *Cinders* by Kendra E. Ardnek, a "Cinderella" retelling with the original twist that the cinder girl is, uh, a cinder-cat? Heh; *The Princess and the Stone-Picker* by Sarah Ashwood, not sure which tale inspired this one as it appears to be an original with motifs from many than a retelling proper, it threatened to become too preachy and the message often overtook the writing and storytelling, but it was nice on the whole; *Third Princess* by Emily Martha Sorensen, which wasn't a retelling of anything but a spoof of the fairy tale trope of the youngest child succeeding where the eldest children failed, it's very hilarious and light; and *How to Hide a Prince* by E. J. Kitchens, that retells "The Frog Prince" with a twist on the identity of the real frog and the real prince, very creative.

Kendra Ardnek says

I don't normally rate my own books, but this isn't just my book, and the other fifteen tales in this collection are so lovely.

Intisar Khanani says

A solid set of stories, some better than others. My favorite was Savannah Jezowski's mermaid tale. The anthology is currently free on Amazon and elsewhere... who knows what new authors you might discover? ;)

Sandra says

I bought this anthology the minute I heard it was out--loved the previous anthology and loved this one as well. Okay, not every story was a favorite, but most were great. You can't beat witty, thought-provoking, twisty tales and these deliver on that. For instance, *Believing Fairy Tales*, by Arthur Daigle (my personal favorite) says "Some fairy tales are true. The dangerous ones are partly true." The fun is discovering which ones ARE dangerous and which parts ARE true! So if you enjoy fairy tales at all and like seeing tales morphed with intriguing new outcomes, this is a great volume to enjoy.

Katy says

This is a fun and thoughtful collection of fairy tales, but nothing like Disney even though they're all clean. Many original, clever stories are found within these pages, and every one of them has something special to recommend! Usually when I read an anthology, one or two become special favorites, but I can't say that about this one; I liked all of them!

Lisa Eiff says

I really enjoyed reading this collection. It's clean and delightful fantasy retelling of a variety of classic fairy tale stories that can be read and enjoyed by readers of any age. If you enjoy fairy tale retellings and prefer stories without harsh language or deviant situations, you will enjoy reading this collection.

Allyson Grove says

A great read

Often with anthologies I find I like one or two stories and call it good. This time I thoroughly enjoyed every one of them. I found some new authors to follow and fun reads by some authors I already enjoy. If you enjoy a good happily ever after this is just the read for you.

Lenni Jones says

I love fairy tales, especially reading retellings and learning new ones. I got to do both with this anthology! I'm super excited to share my opinions with everyone! Here goes!!!!

#1 "Cinders" by Kendra E. Ardnek

"Cinders" was a funny and cute story of Cinderella. It's also the perfect way to start out this anthology. This story was also very original and I can definitely say that the author is very creative. Five stars!!!

#2 "At the Corner of Elm & Main" by H.L. Burke

Cute, short, happy. The story teaches a good lesson, but the story was a little slow. It wasn't really my thing and I have no idea what I would rate this. Somewhere slightly higher than a three, I guess.

#3 "Tears of the Sea" by Savannah Jezowski

I honestly don't know why I loved this story so much. I think it's because it was mermaids and there was a little bit of romance. But I seriously went crazy over this story. It was great!!! "Tears of the Sea" was awesome and I really wish it hadn't ended! MORE PLEASE. I give it 4.5 Stars out of 5.

#4 "Steelhand" by Ashley Capes

This anthology has a diverse collection, which means there are a lot of stories for me and ones that aren't for me. This is one of the ones that was not for me. Steampunk is not my thing and it never has been. I give this story a 2.

#5 "King or Beggar" by D.G. Driver

I cannot decide between this story or "The Princess and the Stonepicker" over which was the best story in this collection. I LOVED this story. I've never heard of King Thrushbeard, but now I'm interested. This was so sweet and kind of funny. I enjoyed this story so much and just because of this one alone I'd reread the whole book. FIVE STARS.

#6 "The Girl Who Talked to Birds" by Kristen S. Walker

Kind of funny, but also slow and not my thing. I don't know why I read the ones I didn't like all the way through. It just made me like the story even less than I already did. I guess I'm gonna go with a 2 star rating

for this book. Not really sure how I even felt. Maybe it was a little coolish??? Oof.

#7 “The Princess and the Stone-Picker” by Sarah Ashwood

This is the other book I was talking about where I couldn’t decide which story was the best. This original story was so sweet and heartwarming, I wanted to cry when it was over. I LOVED this story. Truly captivating and enchanting!!!! Of course, five stars.

#8 “Wake the Moon” by Annie Louise Twitchell

To me, it appeared the author was going for some horror-type version of Sleeping Beauty. Mainly, the whole thing just confused me and kind of creeped me out. Super confusing. There were Native Americans and then there were special moon people and “The Father.” I’m guessing they were referring to God, but it was just supremely confusing. I honestly don’t know what was going on here!!! One star.

#9 “The Greatest Adventure” by J.M. Hackman

Could’ve been worse, could’ve been better. 2.5 Stars. I’m not super into dragons and stuff, so that’s definitely a huge factor in my feelings for this story. I’d definitely recommend it, though. If you’re a fan of dragons, you’re in for a treat. If not, you should skip.

#10 “Third Princess” by Emily Martha Sorensen

I know this author, actually. I do a lot of ARCs for her. I enjoy a lot of them. She writes very witty books and the readers can get a feel of her sense of humor. This story, though, was probably the best story I’ve read of her yet, and I wasn’t expecting it!!! “Third Princess” was outrageously funny and it’s probably the second best story in this anthology. For people who are looking for a more funny read, this story is it! (Four stars)

#11 “A Week After Midnight” by Alex McGilvery

Started out okay, but got a little dull as it went on. 3.5 Stars. If I’m being totally honest, when I was reading over all my notes, I couldn’t even remember what this story was about. Reading the end couple sentences was enough to trigger a memory, and I do know this book is a little funny and very... idk. Maybe sweet? I enjoyed it, but I’m happy it’s over.

#12 “Being Seen” by Gretchen E. K. Engel

Beautiful and heartwarming! A happy story, although a tid bit confusing at the very beginning before everything was explained. I loved the ending and I give the story a 3.5 star rating overall.

#13 “The Quest for the Wide-Awake Princess” by Lia London

For me, this story sounded better than it actually was. It sounded great, but the actual story was a bit of a let down. I did like how everything worked out in the end for the characters and it was a cute little story. 3 Stars seems like a good number for this one.

#14 “How to Hide a Prince” by E.J. Kitchens

Very funny title and a very unexpected ending. Uh oh, my notes says that I was very bored half way through... But now, I don’t think it was that bad. Kind of cute. My notes also say I gave the book a 2 star rating, but I’d be willing to up it to maybe a 3???

#15 “Believing in Fairy Tales” by Arthur Daigle

This story is the reason it took me so long to finish the book. I didn’t want to read this because of how long and boring it was to me! My dad probably would’ve liked this, so I think it’s just a case of it not being for me. It’s just that, the story had sounded SO GOOD and I insisted that it would get better! It didn’t for me... I give it a one star, but recommend others try it because I feel that it’s meant for someone else’s tastes.

#16 “The Loathly Princess of Edimor” by L. Palmer

A truly fantastic way to end the whole anthology!!!! To say it moved me and made me smile is an

understatement. It kind of reminded me of an E.D. Baker book. I believe the title is something like “Unlikely Magic?” I don’t know, but it was good and this was good. A fun story with a good ending. It left me wishing there were more short stories to read from this. 4.5 Stars Out of 5.

That’s all for now folks! I hope all you Fairy tale lovers try this book out and have as much fun as I did reading all these takes on classic tales as well as new stories that didn’t come from any fairy tales.

Anna Mussmann says

A bit of a mixed bag. The story by Lia London was wonderful, laugh-out-loud material. How could I not enjoy descriptions such as, “This time, the vicious creatures swarmed, taking to the air around Jack in a swirling snarl of matted fur and pointy bits that showed a complete disregard for all respectable laws of physics?”

I also appreciated the tales by Kendra E. Ardnek, H.L. Burke, and Emily Martha Sorensen.

C.O. Bonham says

Tales of Ever After is the fourth anthology from the Fellowship of Fantasy. This multi author collection is connected by the theme of fairytales. Featuring both retellings of your favorite classics and original stories with a fairytale flare

Whether you like your fairytales with heart or snark there is something for everyone.
