



## *Fairy Tales for Adult Readers*

### *Novels:*

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#### **The Sun, the Moon and the Stars/Steven Brust**

SF BRUST

The author tells two parallel stories: one of a kingdom that exists in darkness, the other of a coterie of Hungarian artists struggling to make their fortune in a world that doesn't value their talents.

#### **Tam Lin/Pamela Dean**

SF DEAN

This modern re-imagining of the ancient Scottish ballad "Tam Lin" is set in academia of the early 1970's.

#### **The Stolen Child/Keith Donohue**

SF DONOHUE

A young runaway is stolen by a tribe of changelings, after which he never ages. The changelings leave a double in his place, another boy who steals his life in the real world.

#### **In the Suicide Mountains/John Gardner**

FIC GARDNER

A dwarf, a blacksmith's daughter and a prince meet by chance in the mountains, where they also encounter an enigmatic abbot...

#### **Mira Mirror/Mette Ivie Harrison**

FIC HARRISON

Everyone's heard of the "mirror, mirror on the wall," but have you heard it from the mirror's point of view? In this tale, a witch's apprentice is transformed into a mirror, all the better to make her sister queen.

#### **Spirited/ Nancy Holder**

YP FIC HOLDER

Loosely based on "Beauty and the Beast," this romance is set in the United States during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **White as Snow/Tanith Lee**

SF LEE

Fantasy author Tanith Lee provides a sensual re-telling of the fairy tale "Snow White."

#### **Son of a Witch/Gregory Maguire**

FIC MAGUIRE

Sure, everyone loves Dorothy, but what about the witch? This sequel to Maguire's *Wicked* takes us back to Oz, where you may be surprised to find that the Wicked Witch of the West had a son...

#### **Midnight Pearls: a retelling of the Little Mermaid/Debbie Viguie**

YP FIC VIGUIE

This gentle romance is a contemporary retelling of "The Little Mermaid."

### *Story Collections and Anthologies:*

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Noted fantasy authors re-imagine familiar fairy tales in this series of anthologies, written for an adult audience:

- **Black Swan, White Raven/edited by Ellen Datlow**  
SF BLACK
- **Black thorn, white rose/edited by Ellen Datlow**  
SF BLACK

- **Snow White, Blood Red/edited by Ellen Datlow**  
SF SNOW

**Good Bones and Simple Murders/Margaret Atwood**

818.5409 ATWOOD

Atwood addresses gender and social mores in this collection of darkly humorous stories and essays.

**The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye: five fairy stories/A.S. Byatt**

FIC BYATT

Byatt treats her readers to five magical and wondrous stories for adult readers. Genies and clever princesses are present – some even get happy endings.

**Politically Correct Bedtime Stories/James Garner Finn**

FIC GARNER

**Once Upon a More Enlightened Time: more politically correct bedtime stories/James Garner Finn**

FIC GARNER

Garner “improves” some familiar fairy tales for the modern, politically correct reader in this funny collection.

**Don't Bet on the Prince: contemporary feminist fairy tales in North America and England/edited by Jack**

**David Zipes**

813.01 ZIPES

This anthology presents some classic fairy tales re-imagined by modern women writers, including Margaret Atwood, Tanith Lee, Angela Carter and Anne Sexton.

**Once Upon a Time: a treasury of modern fairy tales/Lester Del Rey**

SF ONCE

Full of dragons, princesses and even the odd fairy godmother, these short stories by prominent science fiction/fantasy writers were written for an adult audience, but could be enjoyed by precocious younger readers as well.

**Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales/edited by Allison Lurie**

SF OXFORD

New fairy tales are written all the time – this anthology provides examples of fairy tales from many different time periods, including stories by literary giants like Nathaniel Hawthorne and Charles Dickens, science fiction writers Ursula LeGuin and Philip K. Dick, and modern writers like Louise Erdrich.

**Waters Luminous and Deep: shorter fictions/Meredith Ann Pierce**

YP FIC PIERCE

All of the short works in this collection have elements of the magical or the fantastic. Some of them are based on fairy tales.

**Blue Beyond Blue: Extraordinary Tales for Ordinary Dilemmas/Lauren Slater**

FIC SLATER

Slater uses fairy tales to address the modern themes of love, addiction, and mother-daughter relationships.

**The Victorian Fairy Tale Book/edited by Michael Patrick Hearn**

SSC VICTORIA

A collection of stories from the “Golden Era of the fairy tale.” Includes stories and poems by Charles Dickens, William Butler Yeats, Robert Barrett Browning, *Peter Pan* creator J.M. Barrie, and many others.

**Once Upon a Time (She Said)/Jane Yolen**

SF YOLEN

Most of the works in this collection of stories, poems and articles were inspired by fairy tales. The author's target audience varies – some of the pieces in this book were written for children, some for adults.