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Seven fairy tales, set in an interesting framework which relates the adventures of the little girl Snowflower and her magical chair at the court of King Winwealth. When Snow-flower, from her nook in the kitchen, said, "Chair of my grandmother, take me to the highest banquet hall," "instantly the chair marched in a grave and courtly fashion out of the kitchen, up the grand staircase, and into the highest hall." There it told the following stories to the king and queen, the fair lords and ladies, the many fairies, and notable people from other lands: The Christmas Cuckoo, The Lords of the White and Gray Castles, The Greedy Shepherd, The Story of Fairyfoot, The Story of Childe Charity, Sour and Civil, and The Story of Merryminde. Numerous black and white illustrations by noted artist Katharine Pyle complement the text. Suitable for ages 7 and up.

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Claudia says

Read the complete book, not that other Kindle edition that leaves out some of the stories. Or read the Project Gutenberg edition at <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/35820....>

This is a collection of fairy stories, all original to the authoress, as she would have been known in her time, set in a framework that is itself a fairy story. Little Snowflower goes to the king's feast, and there her chair tells a new story every night. Finally it is revealed that the chair--

I loved this book as a child and still like it. The stories are unique and vivid, amazingly so since the authoress was blind from birth.

Lisa Blair says

A cute little public domain book written in Great Britain in an earlier era. A creative writing approach to fairies.

I don't usually read these kind of books, but I found this one a nice, short, enjoyable read.

Four stars for her overall writing ability.

Kailey (BooksforMKs) says

This is one of my favorite books from when I was a young girl. Fairy tales at their best!

Young Snowflower's grandmother leaves her alone in the cottage with only an enchanted chair for company. The chair tells wonderful stories and takes Snowflower on a journey to the court of King Winwealth. Each evening Snowflower is called to the court after their feasting, and she asks her magical chair to tell the company a story. The King rewards Snowflower for each story that is told.

In each chapter a different fairytale story is told, and although they follow the classic fairytale structure, they are not common or well-known. Each one is a delight to read!

Mamie says

My Father had a vintage copy of this book and used to read it to me when I was a small child. I found a vintage copy, also, and felt as if my Dad was still with me as I read it. The stories are quaint and sweet, older fairy tales that you can imagine past generations passing down to the young. What I really appreciated was

that although the tales were older, there weren't any prejudiced phrases or references that would taint them, they were just sweet little stories.

joyce calhoun says

Great read

This is an excellent book with excellent stories. It is like having many books in one. My granddaughter will love me to tell her of all the adventures in this great book.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

I grew up with rocking chairs--had my own little one as a child, and they got bigger as I grew. The idea of a rocker that tells stories and can take you places really appeals to me, which is why I loved this book so much. Originally written in 1856 (and the author was blind!), this is a highly recommended Victorian children's classic.

Sarah says

I was lucky enough to read an original edition of this book, and I loved it.

This is the story of Snowflower. Left to fend for herself by her grandmother, Dame Frostyface, Snowflower turns to the 'wonderful chair' for company. The chair is able to tell stories and to transport Snowflower wherever she wants to go. In the search for her grandmother, Snowflower visits a magical land. Ruled by King Winwealth, Snowflower entertains the court with nightly stories narrated by the chair. Individual fairy stories, framed by Snowflower's experiences at court, result in a charming story that has left me eager to read more by Frances Browne.

CLM says

IN an old time, long ago, when the fairies were in the world, there lived a little girl so uncommonly fair and pleasant of look, that they called her Snowflower. This girl was good as well as pretty. No one had ever seen her frown or heard her say a cross word, and young and old were glad when they saw her coming. . .

Greisi says

It was a very beautiful book.I really enjoyed the time that I spent reading it.I don`t have any special favorite character because I liked them all. What I learned from this book was that good people and hardworking ones will always have what they really deserve in the end.

Jean says

Fairy tales I had not heard of before. Fun.

Sara says

One of my absolute favourites as a child. Love it still.
It's a morality tale, but the imagery is beautiful.

Edma says

This book is one of the most magical books I've read in my childhood, I recommend it to all the kids who want some adventure and magic in their lives and I tell you this: You will not be disappointed.
Have a nice read ♥

John says

My reading copy was published in 1910 by EP Dutton & Co in NY. My other copy was published in 1915. It remains my favorite story book. It's most amazing to me how Frances Brown could write word picture of things she had never seen. Blind from birth everything must exist in her imagination.

John Yelverton says

This is a wonderful collection of fairy tales in the self professed vein of Hans Christian Anderson. The names of the characters are a little clunky, but they were written that way to make a point, and the point should not be lost, because each tale has a definite moral to the story.

Veronica C. Jefferson says**Loved this book!**

We all want to go away for a while and enter a beautiful or mysterious place that will take us on a journey through palace, treasures, and magic. This is that such book of open ended stories and tales of witches fairies, creatures of the sea and air. Loved this book...
