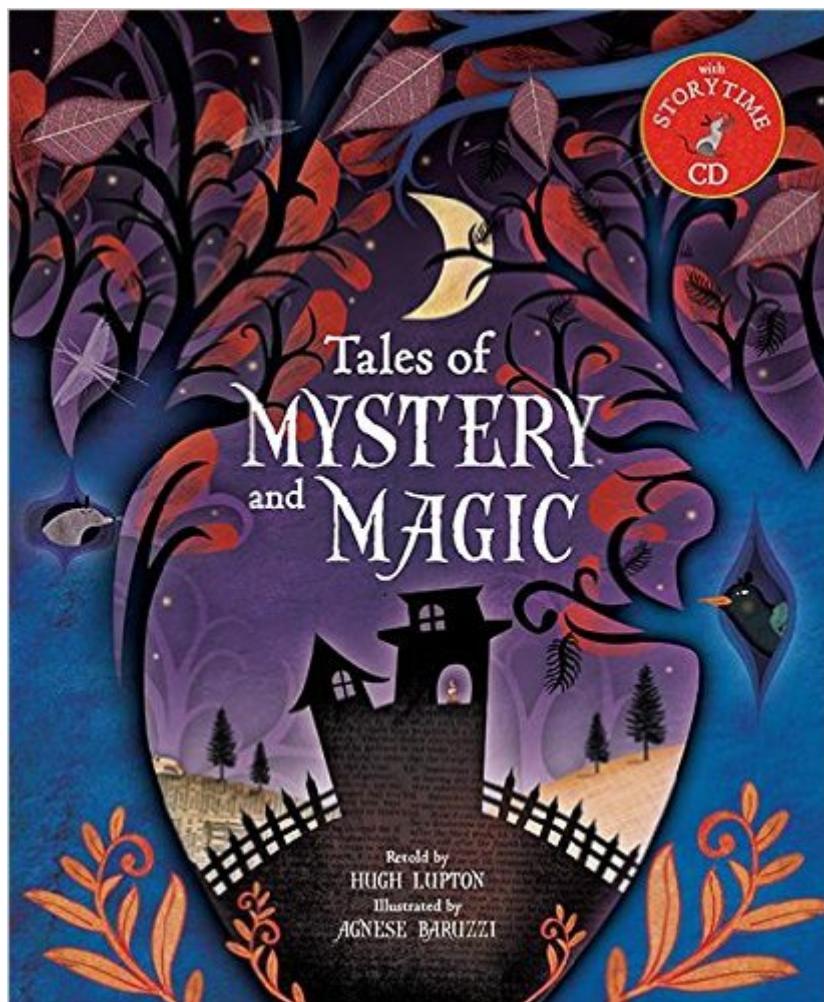


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# Tales Of Mystery And Magic



## **Synopsis**

Introducing a bewitching world of mystery and magic, this collection of stories includes tales of singing elves with magical feet, skeletons that move of their own accord and a heroic blackbird who outwits a powerful king.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 6

## **Customer Reviews**

Reason for Reading: I love reading illustrated books of fairytales, myths and legends. The tales mentioned in the publisher's summary didn't sound familiar to me so this book intrigued me. A fabulous collection of fairytales (and a couple of legends) that all involve elements of magic or unexplained happenings. Some have happy endings, but not all. This collection was all new to me except one, and not knowing the originals I cannot say whether they have been watered down but I doubt it because of the elements that are included. We have a disembodied body, a reanimated corpse and a couple of elves who cut off their feet! And sometimes someone learns there lesson the hard way. These tales are all perfect for even the youngest listener and perfect for reading aloud as they are written in a storyteller voice and these tales all include the element of repetition in various formats. One story uses the sing song phrase which gets repeated over and over throughout the tale, another has an animal walking along and asking a question, the answer is yes, then another animal comes along and so on until at the very end things change when the answer is no. Then

there's the scenario where one goes out and tries one thing for a certain result and that doesn't work, so they do another thing and that doesn't and so on. These repetitious tales are always favourites for younger children and I've found them the most fun to read aloud. If you are not into reading aloud, then you are in luck as the book comes with an audio CD with all the tales narrated by the author Hugh Lupton, a professional storyteller. Besides the repetition, another thing that makes this selection unique is that not one of the tales is common.

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