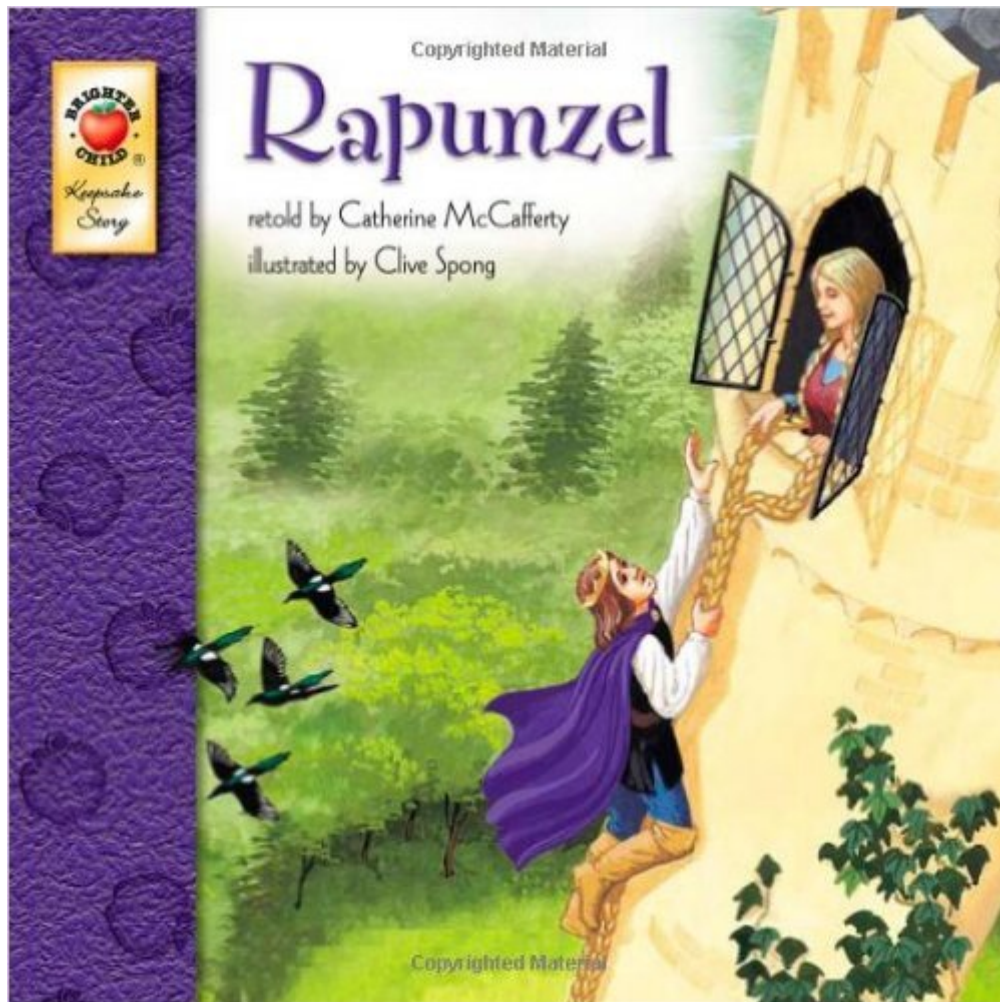


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# Rapunzel



## Synopsis

In this beloved tale, Rapunzel can only see her true love if she lets down her long, golden hair. Children will eagerly continue reading to see what will happen when the evil witch discovers a man has been climbing Rapunzel's hair! Between the pages of the Brighter Child(R) Keepsake Stories books are the classic tales of magic, imagination, and inspiration that will delight children again and again. From the hard-working Red Hen to the foolish Gingerbread Man, these stories will capture children's interest and spark their imagination page after page, inspiring a lifelong love of literature and reading. Each book includes 32 pages of fresh, captivating illustrations, and measures 8" x 8".

## Book Information

Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a great one. What I particularly like about this book versus the many other "Rapunzel" books you can buy is that the illustrations are so catching. They are realistic and yet very bright and eye catching. The illustrations work together with the words on the page. The story itself is the traditional "Rapunzel" story.

It's very difficult to find fairy tales that are appropriate for preschoolers -- either they're "uncensored" and too close to the original, dark versions, or they're too long and wordy to keep a young child's attention. This one is great because it's direct, simple, but well-written. The story isn't all sugar cones and candy canes, but it's not as brutal as the original Grimm and Andersen versions either.

The pictures are beautiful. My four-year-old loves this book, and has started quoting "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair!" at the most random moments. Great find, and we have enjoyed several of the other books in this series as well.

Oh my god. First of all, the version of the story is off-putting. I respect the attempt to represent classic stories closer to the original, and the idea of allowing certain degrees of realism to remain, despite the deeply American instinct to Disney-fy powerful themes. But this all must be done artfully, with subtlety. This version smacks you across the face, not with brutality, but with clumsy buffs and boffs. The children go, "Huh? "What?" "Why?" and naturally the answers are not in the book. For example, it's clear that Rapunzel and the Prince had sex in the tower since she later is pregnant, but the book says they "got married" in the tower. "What?" The witch throws the prince off the tower but later on he is banged up but still walking around. "Huh?" Rapunzel is banished to the woods but somehow manages to survive on her own and deliver twins! "OMG, let's make her the CEO of Everything!" OK, so let's say you can deal with such ridiculousness with suppressed snickers. What about the fact that the visual representations of the characters change drastically from page to page? They change so much that my 3-year old twins did not recognize the characters one page later! WHAT??? "Who is that?" they ask. I sigh and try to show that "this man" is the same as "that man." They look unconvinced. This book disgusted the girls so much that one of them grabbed it out of my hand and threw it across the room. Then they both told me, with serious faces, "Don't read this book to us again." The book has since disappeared. I can't even find it to get rid of it. Maybe they cut it up with their toddler scissors for practice. Now that's a book review you never want to receive!

I was very disappointed in this story. I wanted to rate this no stars, but required a minimum of one for rating. It is not what I remember as a child and after reading it once to my child, the book is no longer in my home. It was frightening and disturbing. I purchased it because we loved the other books in the Keepsake Story series - which some also have witches and make references to death, but this was the worst we read.

The blind prince ends up finding Rapunzel living in the woods with their twins. (They had married in the tower and apparently consummated their marriage!) What?! My daughter did not like this book at all! Neither do I!

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