

Read the Remix. Then Read the OG.



The 25 Popular Fairy Tales Challenge · Gen Z-A Style

25 tales
50 boxes
no cap

Name: _____

Started: _____

Finished: _____

How it works: Tick the first box when you read the remix in the book. Tick the second box when you read the original (the OG). The originals are free at your library or online. Fair warning: some OG endings are way darker than ours. 🙄

	The remix (page)	Remix	The OG: title, who wrote it down, year	OG
1	NPC No More: The Cinderella Glow-Up Arc (1)	☐	<i>Cinderella</i> , Charles Perrault, 1697 · or the Grimms' <i>Aschenputtel</i> , 1812	☐
2	Snow White, Certified Forest Icon (2)	☐	<i>Little Snow-White</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
3	Candy House Catfish (3)	☐	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
4	Rapunzel Rebooted (4)	☐	<i>Rapunzel</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
5	Spinfluencer Drama (5)	☐	<i>Rumpelstiltskin</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
6	Beauty.exe Has Crashed (6)	☐	<i>Sleeping Beauty</i> , Perrault, 1697 · or the Grimms' <i>Little Briar Rose</i>	☐
7	A Hooded Exposé (7)	☐	<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> , Perrault, 1697 · or the Grimms' <i>Little Red Cap</i>	☐
8	The Glow-Up Amphibian (8)	☐	<i>The Frog King</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
9	The Wish List Gone Wild (9)	☐	<i>The Fisherman and His Wife</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
10	Geese, Gaslighting, and a Royal Plot Twist (10)	☐	<i>The Goose Girl</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1815	☐
11	Micro-Workers, Mega Impact (11)	☐	<i>The Elves and the Shoemaker</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
12	The Golden Bird Speedrun (12)	☐	<i>The Golden Bird</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
13	Wolf.exe Has Entered the Chat (13)	☐	<i>The Wolf and the Seven Young Goats</i> , Brothers Grimm, 1812	☐
14	Ariel but Make It Main-Character Mode (14)	☐	<i>The Little Mermaid</i> , Hans Christian Andersen, 1837	☐
15	Dorothy vs. Oz (15)	☐	<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i> , L. Frank Baum, 1900	☐
16	The Emperor Serving... Nothing? (16)	☐	<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i> , Andersen, 1837	☐
17	Not Ugly, Just Pre-Alpha Build (17)	☐	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> , Andersen, 1843	☐
18	Pocket-Sized Princess Era (18)	☐	<i>Thumbelina</i> , Andersen, 1835	☐
19	Clawfully Strategic (19)	☐	<i>Puss in Boots</i> , Charles Perrault, 1697	☐
20	Jack vs. The Sky Boss (20)	☐	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> , Joseph Jacobs, <i>English Fairy Tales</i> , 1890	☐
21	House-Hunting Chaos Mode (21)	☐	<i>The Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> , Joseph Jacobs, 1890	☐
22	The Gingerbread Speedrunner (22)	☐	<i>The Gingerbread Boy</i> , <i>St. Nicholas</i> magazine, 1875	☐
23	Notifications Disabled (23)	☐	<i>The Boy Who Cried Wolf</i> , Aesop's Fables, ancient Greece	☐
24	Politicians... Amirite? (24)	☐	<i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i> , Robert Browning (a poem), 1842	☐
25	Goldi vs. Boundary Issues (25)	☐	<i>The Story of the Three Bears</i> , Robert Southey, 1837	☐

5 OGs read

Certified Plot Detective 🔍

15 OGs read

Lore Master 📖

All 25

Main Character of Reading 🏆

OG Plot Twists the Remix Didn't Tell You 🤖

The real versions are wilder than you think. Read them and see for yourself.

Spoilers, but make it history

These fairy tales are hundreds of years old. People told them out loud long before anyone wrote them down, and every teller changed them a bit. Here's what the first written versions say.

Goldilocks wasn't a girl 🧔

In Robert Southey's 1837 story, the uninvited guest is a rude old woman. The curly-haired girl showed up in later retellings.

Remix #25 · The Story of the Three Bears

The slippers were silver 👠

In the Oz book, Dorothy's magic shoes are silver. The ruby slippers came from the 1939 movie.

Remix #15 · The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

No kiss for the frog 🐸

In the Grimms' version, the princess is so annoyed that she throws the frog at the wall. That's what breaks the spell.

Remix #8 · The Frog King

The stepsisters cheated, hard 💧

In the Grimms' Cinderella, the stepsisters cut bits off their own feet to squeeze into the slipper. The birds snitch on them.

Remix #1 · Aschenputtel

The mermaid gets no wedding 🧜‍♀️

In Andersen's story, the prince marries someone else. The little mermaid's ending is sad, strange and kind of beautiful.

Remix #14 · The Little Mermaid

Rumpelstiltskin rage-quit 😡

In the Grimms' later edition, he gets so angry when his name is guessed that he stamps hard enough to tear himself in two.

Remix #5 · Rumpelstiltskin

One kid was left behind 🎵

In Browning's poem, one boy couldn't keep up with the Piper. He's the only child left in Hamelin.

Remix #24 · The Pied Piper of Hamelin

The evil queen got no mercy 🔥

At Snow White's wedding in the Grimms' version, the queen is made to dance in red-hot iron shoes. Yikes.

Remix #2 · Little Snow-White

Where to find the OGs (free)

Your library 🏛️

Ask for Grimm's fairy tales, Andersen's fairy tales or Perrault. Most libraries have kid-friendly editions.

Project Gutenberg 🖥️

Thousands of old books, free to read online at [gutenberg.org](https://www.gutenberg.org). Search for the title or the author.

Ask a grown-up 👤

Teachers and librarians love this question: "Do you have the original version of...?"

Your turn: which OG twist shocked you most, and why?
