In the "Beacon Second Reader" the author has chosen for his stories only those of recognized literary merit; and while it has been necessary to rearrange and sometimes rewrite them for the purpose of simplification, yet he has endeavored to retain the spirit which has served to endear these ancient tales to the children of all ages. The fairy story appeals particularly to children who are in the second school year. (Summary from the Preface)

This school reader is an excellent resource for anyone learning to read English, children and adults alike. Reading along while listening is a great way to develop reading skills. The tables at the end of the reader provide lists of common word patterns to promote both reading and writing skills. Reading along is especially helpful for this part of the book.

Read by Evan Smith. Total running time: 03:13:27

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