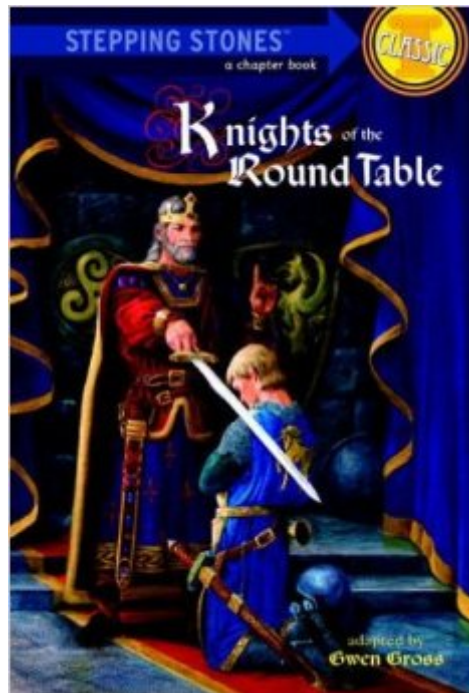


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Knights Of The Round Table (A Stepping Stone Book)



Synopsis

imagine a mythic kingdom in England of wizards and witches, fire-breathing dragons, and dreadful giants. Who can rule this magical land? Who can overcome the powers of evil? It is the destiny of King Arthur and his noble knights, who protect and serve the people of Camelot. A perfect introduction to the Arthurian legends.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 340L (What's this?)

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

This is an overly simplistic and poorly written introduction to the Arthur legend. If there weren't many better presentations of these tales for young readers, there might be an excuse for such a substandard rendering. Unless you want your kids to think that writing sentence fragments is preferable to constructing clear complex sentences, you might want to stay away from the entire "Bullseye Step Into Classic" series.

In addition to the ham-handed telling of the story, the writing in these Bullseye books is just terrible. Half-sentences. Written like this. Or this. Part of the value of such books is that young readers will learn to read "chapter books." But the English and grammar in these books is so abysmal as to render them useless for this task. I was very disappointed.

It is hard to believe a book this poorly written could make past the editors! There were so many run-on and incomplete sentences I had trouble reading it to my daughter. I can only imagine what my second grade daughter went through reading on her own. We will keep this book if only to serve as an example of how NOT to construct sentences. There is a year's worth of grammar exercises in this book.

I purchased this book as a recommended resource for our homeschooling history program. I am STUNNED that such a book was suggested. The re-telling of the legends may be okay, but I couldn't get past the horrid grammar, incorrect punctuation, and sentence fragments to find out. One example is this: "There were loaves of bread. Steaming roasts. Goblets of wine. Fruits and honey cakes." If my child turned in anything written like this it would immediately be handed back to be written properly. There must be other adaptations appropriate for children written well. I strongly suggest searching them out and leaving this book alone. It is not worth the money.

This book's grammar is terrible! I don't know how it became a published work. The stories are good and they entertain kids, but I was reading it with my students and was quickly horrified by the grammar. I hope none of them picked up on it. Here's a direct sample from the book, "For seven days King Arthur and Sir Gawain rode through the land. They asked the riddle of every woman they met. Young maidens with flowers in their hair. Mothers carrying their babies. Poor women tending sheep by the road. Rich ladies covered with jewels. Some said that women wanted beauty. Some said love. Or wisdom. Or children. Or riches. Or Adventure. Or truth." I'm pretty sure my second graders could write a story like this and get published with no problems.

I agree that this is not the finest book written on King Arthur, but it is one that can be read aloud, and easily enhanced by a grandmother anxious to read these legends to a second grader---- finding something appropriate for a young listener has not been easy!

I purchased this book for my 7 year old daughter to read, but after paging through it I ended up reading it out loud, editing as I read. Throughout the entire book there are grammatical errors, to include, mainly, incomplete sentences, and poor punctuation. I am trying to teach my children how to read and write properly. I certainly do not want them reading something like this and thinking this is correct! Here is an example from the text, pg. 10. "To fight with a sword and spear and dagger."

Our children need a better example of proper writing than this! I wonder if it was ever proofed before being published?

My son enjoyed it. He's eight. I thought the sentences were a bit too consistent in their shortness, and there was way too much use of the word "suddenly", which is a pet peeve of mine. But for a new reader, it probably works just fine.

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