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A beautifully illustrated compendium of Andersen's fairy tales

As treasured today as they will undoubtedly be for generations to come, **Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales are cornerstones of our collective consciousness** as much as of the Western literary canon. From *The Ugly Duckling* to *Thumbelina*, *The Little Mermaid* to *The Emperor's New Clothes*, this beautifully-presented collection shares the eternal magic of these stories with a selection of **23 tales**, each illustrated **with sparkling vintage artwork from the 1840s to the 1980s**. True to the international appeal of the stories, the featured artists hail from Austria, Britain, Japan, Ukraine, the United States, and beyond, and include such greats as Kay Nielsen, Arthur Rackham, Tom Seidmann-Freud (niece of Sigmund Freud), and the groundbreaking film animator Lotte Reiniger.

The collection also features historic and contemporary silhouettes, as well as a presentation of Andersen's immense legacy, brief historical introductions to each fairy tale, and extended artists' biographies. Meant for the whole family, this precious edition **inspires and enchants as much as the mystical, magical worlds of Andersen's imagination**.

Featured tales include: *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Nightingale*, *The Swineherd*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Brave Tin Soldier*, *The Snow Queen*, *Thumbelina*, *The Sweethearts*, *The Ugly Duckling*, *Little Ida's Flowers*, *The Tinderbox*, *The Pen and Inkstand*, and *The Farmyard Cock and the Weathercock*.

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