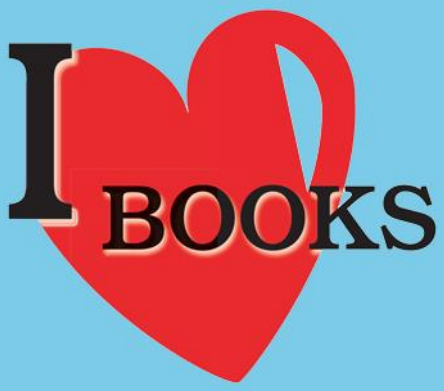


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Belle and her father lived in a little cottage next to a big, dark house. They never saw who lived there, but they adored its beautiful garden.

One day, Belle's father came home with a rose. "I picked it for you from the garden of the big house," he said.

"But a terrible beast came out of the house in a rage," he wept. "He told me to send my daughter in return for the rose, or he'd kill me."

"Don't worry," Belle said softly. "I'll go."

She said goodbye, and slipped through the huge gates.

...to the prettiest bedroom she'd ever seen.
Belle looked in a mirror, and the Prince
from the painting appeared.



"I live here," said the Prince.
"But I can only appear at night in your mirror."
They chatted, and soon it felt as if they were old friends.
"I was lonely before you came," said the Prince.

"Now I'm here, I'll talk to you every night,"
Belle promised. "But where is the Beast?"
The Prince looked sad. "He's hiding so as not to
frighten you. He'll talk to you tomorrow."


She rushed back and found the Beast in his garden.
He looked as if he would die of sorrow.
"Please don't be sad!" she begged.
"I love you."
In that very moment, the Beast...