Hansel and Gretel



Hansel and Gretel live with their dad and a stepmother who is THE ACTUAL WORST. She doesn't like Hansel and Gretel and wants to get rid of them, so she ABANDONS THEM in the WOODS!



Luckily, Hansel is smarter than he looks and leaves a trail of white pebbles along the path without their stepmother seeing.



Hansel and Gretel can see the pebbles shining in the moonlight and use them to find their way home – phew.

But their stepmother takes them back into the woods and runs off AGAIN!



This time, Hansel drops breadcrumbs to use as a trail, but the birds eat them.

Now they are **really** lost.

They try to find their way home and come across a house. But this is no ordinary house. This house is made of ...

GINGERBREAD and SWEETS!



Unfortunately, a nasty old witch lives there, who wants to roast Hansel for dinner.



She locks Hansel up and gives him loads of food so he'll get plump and juicy.

Meanwhile, Gretel has to do all the jobs. Scrubbing the toilets. Ironing the witch's pants. Sorting the Lego into sets.

(Hang on, this sounds familiar ...)



One day, the witch decides it's time to eat Hansel. She tells Gretel to get the oven ready. Gretel has to make a quick choice. Her brother's quite annoying, but does she actually want to COOK him?



Maybe not. So she pushes the witch into the oven instead!



The two then find the witch's treasure (lucky).



find their house (super lucky).



discover their awful stepmother is dead, (yikes!)



and live happily ever after with their dad (not that he deserves it).

Hold on! So you believe a straw house would fall down from WOLF PUFF, but a gingerbread house would be ABSOLUTELY FINE? Have you ever heard of RAIN?



Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack and his mum are very poor, and they've run out of food. Jack's mum tells him to take their cow to the market and sell it to get some money.

A TOTAL STRANGER comes up to Jack and says that he's got some magic beans. For some reason Jack swaps his family's ONLY COW for these beans.

When Jack gets home his mum FREAKS OUT and gets so mad she throws the beans away.

But, incredibly, the beans actually ARE magic!

They grow into a ginormous beanstalk that reaches to the sky! Jack decides to climb the beanstalk.

At the top, he finds a giant's castle in the clouds.

He sneaks in and steals a bag of gold coins while the giant is asleep.

Then he goes back and steals the giant's hen that lays golden eggs.

You'd think that would be enough stealing for one day but NO. Back he goes and steals the giant's HARP!

Bad luck Jack, it's a noisy TALKING harp that wakes the giant up!

Jack runs back to the beanstalk, climbs down and chops it down with an axe, all before the giant can get him. PHEW.

The beanstalk falls down and that's the end of the giant. Jack and his mum then become millionaires thanks to all the stuff they stole.

What's the moral of the story?

1. You can trust random strangers.
2. Never listen to your mum.
3. Stealing is fine.

Oh no, it isn't! Let's just get a few things straight ...

The Princess and the Pea



A prince is looking for a princess to marry, but he's not very clever. He can't work out who's a real princess and who isn't. (They didn't have the internet back then.)

That is, until a possible princess rocks up one night at the palace, dripping wet, in the middle of a thunderstorm. She doesn't even have an umbrella.



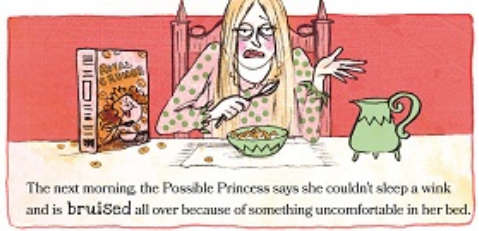


The Queen's not convinced. She decides to test whether this soggy girl is the real deal. How does she do this? By checking whether her Mum and Dad are royal? Nope. By looking her up in her *Royal Book of Real Princesses*? That would be too easy.



Instead, the Queen puts a pea in the bottom of her bed to see if she can feel it ...

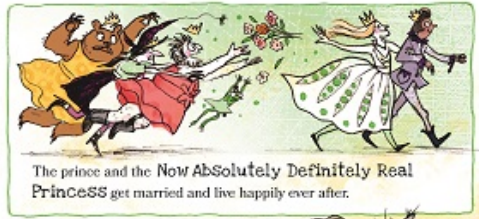




The next morning, the Possible Princess says she couldn't sleep a wink and is bruised all over because of something uncomfortable in her bed.



It must have been the pea! And that means, she MUST be a princess!



The prince and the Now Absolutely Definitely Real Princess get married and live happily ever after.



Hang on a fairy tale minute! This Cunning Pea Test doesn't make any sense!

Now you know what REALLY, SCIENTIFICALLY happened. I NEVER ate Granny or knocked down those little pigs' houses. It's all lies. AS for everyone else, here's what they did in their HAPPILY EVER AFTERS ...



Jack spent all his gold on some MORE "magic beans" that turned out to be some old sheep poos. His Mum was so cross that she now makes him go and clean the giant's wife's castle every Monday morning.





Cinderella, the prince, the Absolutely Definitely Real Princess and the ... err ... other prince all formed a rock band called The Dashing Pumpkins. They do shows all around the world, travelling in a pumpkin boat, and at dinnertime they have a strict "no peas" rule.



Hansel and Gretel run an Outdoor Survival Adventure Camp. They drop children in the forest and teach them how to find their way back to camp. They've only lost 16 out of a total of 57 children so far.



Little Red Riding Hood and Granny decided they needed to learn self-defence. They have tree-cutting lessons with the woodcutter every Thursday afternoon. They are both now expert woodcutters and axe fighters. Sometimes the Big Bad Wolf comes over for tea and brings his homemade biscuits in exchange for borrowing Granny's nightie (it is soooo cosy)!

The Three Little Pigs build sustainable straw eco houses for their jobs. They test the safety of all their houses before selling them by getting a grey whale to "huff" at them.



And Cinderella's Fairy Godmother said if I'm naughty ever again She'll turn me into a ...