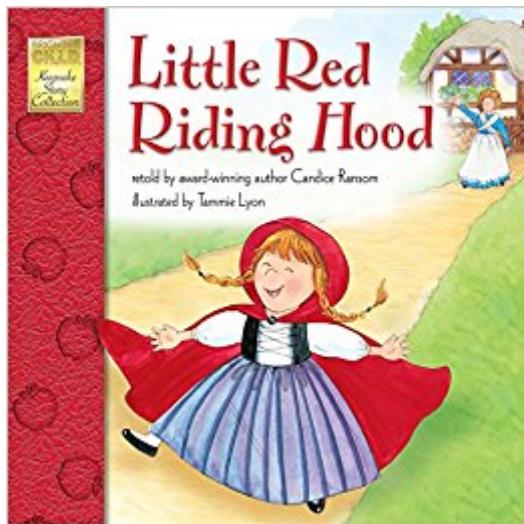


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# Little Red Riding Hood



## **Synopsis**

In this beloved tale, Little Red Riding Hood is uneasy when her grandmother looks suspiciously like a sly wolf that she met along the way. Children will eagerly continue reading to see what will happen when the wolf shows how big and sharp his teeth are! --Between the pages of the Brighter Child(R) Keepsake Stories books are the classic tales of magic, imagination, and inspiration that will delight children again and again. From the hard-working Red Hen to the foolish Gingerbread Man, these stories will capture children's interest and spark their imagination page after page, inspiring a lifelong love of literature and reading. Each book includes 32 pages of fresh, captivating illustrations, and measures 8" x 8".

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Age Range: 4 - 9 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## **Customer Reviews**

This is such a wonderful version of the classic story. When I was looking for a copy of this classic tale, I wanted to know about the ending. Thankfully, this is NOT the more gruesome ending where the wolf eats Little Red and Grandma and the woodcarvers chop the wolf open. My daughter is only 2, and aside from this not making sense that the victims are still alive after the wolf eats them, it's a little inappropriate for this age group (the part about chopping the wolf open). Instead, the wolf puts grandma in the closet to "save her for later". The best part is that the cape almost seems to represent a super-hero type or magical properties ("She leaped away, light as a leaf in her cherry

red cape"). This version has a more elaborate, sweeter beginning than the version I grew up with, which merely jumped right into Little Red Riding Hood leaving for the path to Grandma's house. It begins with Grandma sewing the red cape for Little Red Riding Hood because her Grandma enjoyed her visits with her granddaughter. It then goes on to explain how she wore the cape so often that this is how she got her nickname. This emphasizes the importance of special family relationships. The illustrations are absolutely gorgeous, yet simple enough for the very young child. One element that I especially enjoyed is that the nightgown the wolf wears (Grandma's nightgown) has sheep print on it. Besides adding humor, this adds the element of foreshadowing (hint, hint!). Of course, the moral of the story remains the same. Leaving the path will always lead to trouble.

There are so many things I like about THIS version in particular of the classic Little Red Riding Hood.....I like the lessons taught (don't talk to strangers and listen to what Mom says for example) and I like the way the story begins with the Grandmother making the red cape....the detail of Red Riding Hood loving the cape so much she did everything in it - even she slept in it - is SO true for many toddler /preschoolers, my daughter included, who have slept in everything from a Tutu to a Buzz Lightyear costume cuz they couldn't bare to part with it....nice touch....The illustrations are very nice and I like that the wolf is not drawn in a scary way.....nor is he killed or hurt badly at the end...he falls out the window accidentally, tumbles down a hill and runs away..... I also like how Grandma comes out of the closet at the end (she is not eaten by the wolf) and the story ends with them having a picnic....My 3 year old, who HAS been scared by wolf illustrations in other books, loved this one! I found it enjoyable to read to her...

I like this version of Little Red Riding Hood because no one gets killed in the end. This book takes place in the woods. Little Red Riding Hood was walking to her grandma's house and decided to take a different path. When she got to grandma's house, there was the wolf wearing grandma's night gown which had sheep print on it. The wolf locked grandma away in the closet in hopes of saving her for a late night snack. Luckily the wolf didn't eat or hurt anyone, he accidentally fell out of a window, tumbled down a hill and ran away. Afterwards Little Red unlocked the closet door and let grandmother out. They later had a picnic and lived happily ever after.

This book is a slight reimaging of an old classic fairy tale. The difference being that this book doesn't have the gruesome elements that the original tale was known for; such as the grandmother getting eaten, and then ultimately the same thing happening to Little Red Riding Hood. This story is

definitely more appropriate for its intended age group. In this story the wolf stores the grandmother in the closet for later, and then in the end the grandmother is set free and the wolf goes away (nothing bad happens to Little Red Riding Hood either). There is also a little added scene in the beginning with the mother. If you don't know the basic story, it is about a little girl's selfless, happy quest to bring food to her grandmother. However, the girl is met with opposition when a wolf finds out of her errand and makes it his business to try and eat the girl and his grandmother. What's a good fairy tale without a good villain? Not the classic version, but definitely better suited for my young daughter who incidentally loved the book. I hope you parents give the book a try. The price and color illustrations are both outstanding! Darien Summers, author of *The Mischievous Hare*, a children's book.

I am a preschool teacher and I bought this book as a gift for my 1 year old cousin. The book is best for 2-5 year olds but simple enough for all ages to listen to. What is nice about this version of Little Red Riding Hood is that nobody gets killed. The book also starts with information about how Little Red Riding Hood got her red cape that she wears EVERYWHERE. This makes Little Red Riding Hood a character that most children can relate to. The book is physically a little larger than most and the pages feel thicker and more durable than most paperback picture books. I bought this along with Little Red Riding Hood puppets, it was a great add-on to a fun gift. Giving the puppets and book is great because it encourages interaction between the child and their caregivers. My cousin also has a 3 year old brother, so this is a gift the whole family can enjoy together. I hope my review has helped you make a good purchase for your family or friends.

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