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Enjoy Jack and the Beanstalk, the continuing tale of Hansel and Gretel and what happened after they were married. Jack and Jill Waithwrite are the children of Hansel and Gretel, and as their parents before them had adventures, now it is their turn.

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From Reader Review Jack and the Beanstalk for online ebook

Mel (Daily Prophecy) says

So...

I read this book for the Dewey 24-hour read-a-thon and I didn't remember I read it before :) That is how much impression it made to me apparently, haha. Not once I recognized anything.. might have been the reading high, because this was around 04:00. And to my defense, I read it in 2014.

Still the same thoughts after reading my previous review.

Kathy Jo says

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sigh

How I LOVED Jenni's retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk! You can always count on her for unique and fun twists to the beloved Faerie Tales we all knew growing up!

Jack... what can I say about Jack?! He is ever the hero... the protector... the strong one... full of love and has a witty sense of humor. I instantly loved him! He is such a fun character! And Rachel... so sweet... so loving... a protector as well in her own way. I instantly loved her as well! But I have to admit that the character that made this book for me... who quickly became my favorite was Jill!! Oh my heck!! LOVE her!! She was crackin me up right and left!! But she knew how to be serious and resourceful when the needed... quick thinker and always a problem solver! I loved the relationship she had with her brother, Jack. It's what a brother/sister relationship should be like in my opinion!! The love... the banter... the friendship... the trust... the camaraderie... it was all priceless!!

Jack and the Beanstalk is definitely another home run for Jenni!! She is extremely talented when it comes to writing. She brightens up the world by sharing this amazing gift she has with all of us!! Keep 'em coming Jenni!! I am SO glad I stumbled upon your books through a random web search... you made me a fan for life from the very first book!! :o)

Mel (Daily Prophecy) says

I was a little disappointed by this retelling. It felt a bit slow and I wasn't captured by the story. I liked that Jack is willing to do everything so save the love of his life, Rachel, who has been captured by the giant. It's a

fun way to give him a reason to climb a beanstalk, especially with the addition of the witch who orders him to bring her baby back.

K says

The dialogue in this book was absolutely ridiculous. The premise was weak, the "romance" nonexistent, and the connection to Hansel & Gretel unnecessary.

Ann Marie says

This was disappointing. And cheesy. Never again.

Why put two fairytales in one and shorten the one that could have actually been interesting. :(

Ritika Chhabra says

Another fine book of The Faerie Tale Collection. I felt sad for reading it before reading the 5th part, Hansel and Gretel, but it did not create that big of a difference, exactly, since most of the story was obvious.

The book was a mixture of 2 fairytales, both of which were lovely. The adventure in the book and Jack's thirst for adventure excited me the most and I am glad for having picked up the book. It was simply amazing! I loved Rachel and how she came out of the blue for me and I specifically loved the ending when Cora, the witch, finally died!

Barbara says

I would read Hansel and Gretel before you read this book. This book has some of the same characters from that story and refers to it. I did not like this retelling as well as some of her others. I did however like the reference to the Jack and Jill nursery rhyme that she threw in. The ending has a shameless plug for another of her upcoming books.

Genesis Michel says

This story was made by Jenni James but there are many more stories that are different. I read a different stories but this is kinds the same. This boy named Jack had a cow which this nold man was selling beans which Jack traded for the cow. Then the green stalk grew and there were giants in the sky. Which the girl was taking care of him and behind the woman back he was trying to steal gold. Then the man wanted to eat peoople and don't let them leave. Then the boy escaped and the giant chastising him.

Heidi Peltier says

I'm a big fan of Jenni. James and have really enjoyed her fairy tales. This one was my least favorite though. However this is most likely my own fault for not heeding her warning at the very beginning of the book (yes, she warns the reader). She advises the reader to read Hansel and Gretel first as they are Jack's parents and their stories overlap. So I'll warn you too. If you plan to read this story, be sure to read Hansel and Gretel first.

Rachael says

As usual this was a quick read, but in the short story James managed to develop the characters and get me attached to them. I think there was a greater attachment since I met the characters in Hansel and Gretel. Verity is one I'm interested in and I hope she will have her own story. I enjoyed Jack, Jill, Verity, and Rachel's story.

Becka says

This is part of a series of really well-done retellings of classic folk and fairy tales. What I love is that she has given realistic motives to the characters and while she leaves the tropes in, the tropes get a bit twisted so that you can see why they might exist.

Here, Hansel and Gretel's children go on their own adventure.

Charlotte says

This book warmed my heart- Again! I love all your tales, this one follows on from Hansel and Gretel, their children Jack and Jill having the same adventurous flare as their parents, I love this book!

Kristen says

3.5 Stars -

I felt this one was based a little bit more on the adventure than on romance. I know I would have loved it as a teen. Sweet, clean, and fun read. The characters were cute and I can't wait to read about Verity in The Princess with the Golden Touch.

Moral Note: Very mild violence, clean language, clean romance.

Jenni James says

I cannot believe I forgot to write this review! I love this book. It is fun and adventurous. It's a continuation of Hansel and Gretel (Jack is their son) there will also be two more books that follow this one, that I haven't begun as of yet...

Hansel and Gretel
Jack and the Beanstalk
The Princess with the Golden Touch
Little Red Riding Hood.

They will continue to carry on with the same characters and it will be the ONLY collection of four books in this series that will be a continuing story.

I hope you love this version of Jack and the Beanstalk as much as I did. I had so much fun writing this one! Thank you for all of your support! I love you.
Jenni :)

Liz says

I guess what I liked most about this book is that you rarely come across a retelling of this fairy tale. You do need to read "Hansel and Gretel" before you read this one because the two are connected. I thought that after all the build-up the ending was a bit rushed, but overall a good story. (She also makes cute references to the Jack and Jill nursery rhyme.) Apparently this story isn't over as the author plugs her next book at the end of this one!
