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A collection of illustrated poems about the plants and flowers seen in the winter months.

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Leslie says

Fun, simple poems.

2016: I was excited to re-read this childhood favorite to my own son. Even at a year and a half, he enjoyed this book and loved to look at the pictures as I read. It was so fun to have this poetry to introduce him to.

Jj says

O, flower fairies! I have read bits and pieces from Barker's Flower Fairies over the years, but never in one neat little volume. I enjoyed this very much and will put the books of the other three seasons on my to-read list. These books are every bit as whimsical as one might imagine. Yes, the art and poetry contained herein is quite of the old school... but if you are, or ever were, a fan of fairies and magical creatures of the woods and garden, you will understand the appeal here, despite the datedness of the whole thing. Content was originally produced from the 1920s through the 1940s--every fairy is White, and very fair-skinned at that; poetry is most definitely from another century--not surprising on either count, but worth mentioning here.

Yet I think young fairy enthusiasts will go for these, even in the era of Tinkerbell and the Disney Fairies. The distinct little size of the volume (same as a classic Beatrix Potter book, also published by Warne) is perfect for small hands and big imaginations.

Thanks to Penguin Young readers for the review copy.

Rianna says

Our most Recent Addition to our growing Fairy Collection

I've been reading these since I was little and recently bought them for the little in my life, we both love fairies. These make the long walks we take in each season so much more enjoyable, we recite the little rhymes and look extra close for the fairies

Primadonna says

Magnificent illustration. Accurate description and portrayal of interesting plants. Barker's works always manage to take my breath away.

Siobhan says

Picked this up on PaperbackSwap to use in my mixed media art - the pictures are awesome!

Leah says

The beautiful little series amazed me as a little girl. My nan read me this one over the Christmas holidays and made the book a memory of a great Christmas spent with my grandparents.

I liked the Winter edition simply because of the festive theme to it. My favourite poem was the one about the fairy on top of the Christmas tree.

I just wished that Barker would have considered doing a story. The poems were beautiful, but a story combining the fairies would have been magical!

Eden says

This is a small book of poetry about fairies. All the poems are nice and the illustrations are just beautiful. I loved the illustrations.

Catherine Mason says

Cicely Mary Barker did not create a Flower Fairies of the Winter book herself. This was put together after her death, so you might recognise fairies that already feature in her other books. It is still an illustrative delight and teaches the names and habits of flowers. It does mean there is a flower fairy book for every season.

Annemarie says

This is probably my favourite out of the seasonal Flower Fairies books. The poems are all really cute and the drawings are just incredible. I didn't know much about winter plants, so it was nice to read a bit more about them. Overall a really nice ending to the Seasonal Flower Fairies books (even if Cicely Mary Barker never published it as such herself)

Dark-Draco says

I've had these books forever - must have been given them as a child and they have remained a firm favourite. I really enjoyed revisiting these books. The poems are simple and fun to read, without the contrivance of adult poetry, and the pictures are superb. I guess these books are what fashioned my thoughts on what fairies looked like. My favourite poems are 'Snowdrop', 'Burdock', 'Winter Aconite' and 'Christmas Tree', while I love the pictures for 'Winter Jasmine' and 'Rush-grass and Cotton-grass', but to be honest, there isn't anything here that you could dislike.

Keesa says

I've loved these books ever since my piano teacher introduced me to them. Now I finally have my own copies!

Sarah Crawford says

This is a book originally published in England in 1985. The author had never published a book for winter fairies herself, so one was compiled and published after her death.

The book contains little poems and drawings of fairies associated with particular winter flowers. There are twenty fairies in this book. All the fairy drawings are in color.

As with the other books, there are some notes added to some of the poems, particularly noting any of the fruits that are poisonous.

Your Common House Bat says

This is probably my (second) favorite of the Flower Fairies books. I think it has the best illustrations and the most marvelous and enticing poems. Barker successfully entwines the beauty of winter flowers and the enchantment and magic of fairies into each and every page. The language and structure of each poem is lovely and sweet...I had to go back and read it a second time.

Elon Sloomweg says

All of the flower fairies books are so sweet. Always a nice break from work.

Julia says

This was a book that was given to me by my sister for our monthly book club. And for such a small book it is a beautiful work both with its simplistic poetry and its beautiful artwork.

The artist introduces you into the world of plants during the autumn season with a detailed yet whimsical picture of the plant with its fairy during that time of the season and a little poem to match. The poem itself isn't just some frivolous words together but simple verses that also contribute to your education of the plant itself.

As a final word this was a good compilation and putting together of a book after the author's death. The use of her work from various other works was a genius stroke that fits in with the other seasonal books.

Love it and will be working to collect the series....

