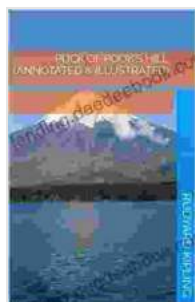


Puck of Pook's Hill Annotated Illustrated: A Journey Through Time and Legend

Puck of Pook's Hill is a beloved collection of children's stories by Rudyard Kipling, first published in 1906. The book transports readers to a world of magic and adventure, where two children, Dan and Una, are guided through time by the mischievous sprite Puck. Along the way, they encounter a cast of unforgettable characters from history and folklore, including Celtic warriors, Roman legionaries, Norman knights, and even William Shakespeare.



Puck of Pook's Hill (Annotated & Illustrated) by Eric Luper

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 687 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 135 pages
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This annotated illustrated edition of Puck of Pook's Hill offers a deeper dive into the enchanting world of the book. With annotations by renowned Kipling scholar Roger Lancelyn Green, the edition provides historical context, literary insights, and fascinating details about the characters and events depicted in the stories. The book is also lavishly illustrated with

beautiful artwork, including original illustrations by Arthur Rackham, one of the most celebrated illustrators of the Golden Age of Illustration.

A Journey Through Time

The stories in *Puck of Pook's Hill* are arranged chronologically, taking readers on a journey through different periods of British history. Dan and Una first meet Puck in the Sussex countryside in the early 20th century. From there, Puck whisks them away to Roman Britain, where they meet Parnesius, a young Roman centurion. They then travel to the time of the Norman Conquest, where they witness the Battle of Hastings and meet Edith, a Saxon girl who is caught in the crossfire of war.

Subsequent stories take Dan and Una to the Middle Ages, where they encounter such luminaries as King Arthur, Robin Hood, and William Shakespeare. The book concludes with a poignant tale set in the reign of Elizabeth I, where Dan and Una learn about the dangers of religious persecution.

Puck, the Mischievous Sprite

Puck is the central figure in the stories, a mischievous sprite who delights in playing tricks on Dan and Una. He is also a wise and compassionate guide, who helps the children to understand the complexities of history and the human condition. Puck is based on the folkloric figure of Puck, the mischievous servant of Oberon in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In the *Puck of Pook's Hill* stories, Puck represents the power of imagination and the importance of seeing the world from different perspectives. He

teaches Dan and Una to question their assumptions and to embrace the wonder and diversity of life.

Dan and Una, the Curious Children

Dan and Una are the two children who accompany Puck on his time-traveling adventures. Dan is a curious and imaginative boy, while Una is a more cautious and pragmatic girl. Together, they represent the different ways in which we can approach history and the world around us.

Dan is always eager to embrace the unknown, while Una is more hesitant. However, both children are ultimately open-minded and willing to learn. They represent the potential for all of us to grow and learn from the past.

Themes and Motifs

Puck of Pook's Hill is a book that explores a wide range of themes and motifs. These include:

- The power of imagination
- The importance of history
- The dangers of prejudice
- The importance of compassion
- The enduring power of storytelling

These themes are woven together in a rich and complex tapestry, creating a book that is both entertaining and thought-provoking.

Historical Context

Puck of Pook's Hill is set against the backdrop of British history, from the Roman era to the Elizabethan period. Kipling was a master of historical fiction, and he brings the past to life in a vivid and authentic way.

The book is filled with fascinating details about the different periods of history that Dan and Una visit. Readers will learn about the Roman legions, the Norman Conquest, the Middle Ages, and the Elizabethan era. They will also meet some of the most famous figures from British history, including King Arthur, Robin Hood, and William Shakespeare.

Literary Significance

Puck of Pook's Hill is a classic work of children's literature. It is a book that has been enjoyed by generations of readers, and it continues to be a popular choice for schools and families today.

The book is a masterpiece of storytelling, and it is filled with unforgettable characters, exciting adventures, and timeless themes. It is a book that will entertain, educate, and inspire readers of all ages.

Puck of Pook's Hill Annotated Illustrated is a beautiful and engaging edition of a classic work of children's literature. With its stunning illustrations, insightful annotations, and rich historical context, this edition is the perfect way to experience the magic and wonder of Puck's world.

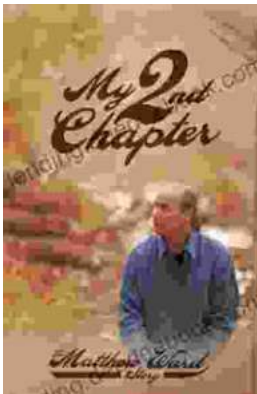
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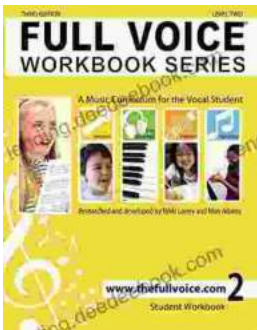


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