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Archie The Friendly Spider – Archie Looks For A Friend: Childrens Bedtime Stories Book 1



Synopsis

Short Stories ideal for bedtime (Childrens Fiction)These children's stories make ideal bedtime reading, taking around 10-15 mins each to read. The subject matter of these kids fiction books help to alleviate the fear of spiders by portraying Archie as a non-scary character, and someone who through his adventures encounters and overcomes the same fears and apprehensions, that most children go through in their young lives. This is book 1 in a series of children's short stories, based on the adventures of a friendly Scottish spider called Archie. He is well aware that children are scared of him, but it is his life's mission to let them know that not all spiders are scary and that he could be their friend if only they would hear him out - after all he is only a kid himself! Follow the escapades of Archie the friendly spider, as he embarks on his quest to find friends amongst humans & animals, and have a life of fun and adventure. What Top Reviewers Say Humor & suspense make a first-rate childrens story - 4 1/2 stars "The three stories are well written and include the elements that make a good children's story: humor, suspense, and just enough danger to give the story some tension without being too scary. Also, each story is short enough to hold a child's attention. I don't usually comment on book covers, but the cover art is pretty cute, giving Archie a child's face instead of an anatomically correct spider's head, which would have been really scary...." J Chambers: Top 50 reviewer Good bedtime story "I'm not certain what age group would be able to easily read this, but it makes an excellent bedtime story for kids, including my own granddaughter who is enjoying exploring the world. There is danger, but not enough to stress out little kids. And they will relate well to being small in a very big world, just like Archie!..." Roberta Karchner: Top 50 reviewer Books in this series: Book 1: Archie Looks For A Friend Book 2: Archie's Adventures Begin! Book 3: Edinburgh Zoo Adventures! Book 4: Heroic Rescues & Water Monsters! Book 5: 4 book Bundle = All four books + bonus story!

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Customer Reviews

I don't know what it is about spiders, but I was scared to death of them as a child, and they still give me the creeps. In nursery rhymes, their reputation ranges from benign ("Itsy Bitsy Spider") to downright frightening ("Little Miss Muffet"). In modern media, however, they've been mostly scary, villainous creatures, such as the giant spiders in Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter. On the other hand, there's Spider-Man, a good guy, but he doesn't really look like a spider. Author J.W. Paris has written a children's book about a friendly spider named Archie. In the three short stories, Archie is lonely and just wants to make friends, but things don't always go as planned. 1. "The Girl Next Door" - Archie's first efforts to make a friend are directed at the little girl in the house near where Archie lives. It's not as easy as Archie thinks, as he has to deal with a pet who's decidedly unfriendly. 2. "A Surprise Encounter" - The next day, while recovering from injuries suffered in the little girl's home, Archie decides to make friends with her brother instead. It turns into a very dangerous situation for poor Archie until help comes from a very unexpected source. 3. "Archie Finds a Friend" - Trying again to befriend the boy in the house, Archie is sidetracked, but he learns a valuable lesson about friendship. The three stories are well written and include the elements that make a good children's story: humor, suspense, and just enough danger to give the story some tension without being too scary. Also, each story is short enough to hold a child's attention. I don't usually comment on book covers, but the cover art is pretty cute, giving Archie a child's face instead of an anatomically correct spider's head, which would have been really scary. My only negative comment is that there were a number of punctuation and grammar errors, not enough to be distracting, and a young child reading the story probably wouldn't notice, but a good proofreading would have caught these. For this reason, I gave the story 4 stars instead of 5.

Archie just wants a friend to play with and he is having a very hard time finding one. There are three stories in this book. On my Kindle there were no illustrations, except for the cover. My five year old grand-daughter usually insists on pictures, but these stories kept her interest without them. I will keep it on my Kindle in case she asks for repeats. The stories are cute and interesting. I give it 5 out of five stars.

The only thing this bedtime story is missing is more cute pictures of Archie. I'm not certain what age group would be able to easily read this, but it makes an excellent bedtime story for kids, including my own granddaughter (age 7) who is enjoying exploring the world. There is danger, but not enough to stress out little kids. And they will relate well to being small in a very big world, just like Archie! I enjoyed this cute story, which was gifted to me for a review.

I recommend this book for children up to eight years old, excellent and funny stories to share before going to sleep

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