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In a faraway village lives a talented little shoemaker—who also happens to be a leprechaun. He keeps the gold that he earns from making shoes hidden away in his home, where he thinks it will be safe. But one day a greedy man named Tim spies the leprechaun's pot of gold and tries to steal it! How can the little leprechaun outsmart Tim and make sure his pot of gold will be safe forever?

In this original tale, Katherine Tegen has captured the magic of the wily leprechaun, while Sally Anne Lambert's glowing illustrations bring him to life.

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Teri says

clever St. Patrick's day story

Nikki Chadwick says

This a cute story, stating how the tale of the leprechaun began, and where leprechauns hide their gold which everyone knows is at the end of the rainbow. This story intrigues children because it provides an intricate plot with a use of language that is age-appropriate that entices students to think, question and reconsider the world around them. The characters are realistic and convincing. The illustrations correspond to both the text and the setting, plot, and characters; and hold interest to the reader, which enhance and add to the story. The lives of the characters are genuine and complex, and their speech in the story is true to the culture and oral tradition of the Irish community during this period. This is folklore from the Irish community.

SLoMoe says

Cute little book for st Patrick's day. Great for a holiday collection. It gives a story of a leprechaun and his hidden gold. It's a better story than I could tell about leprechauns! It's a nice complement to our little discussions about st Patrick's day.

Kathryn says

I'm giving this four stars based other leprechaun / St. Patrick's Day picture books I've read, though compared to the picture book genre as a whole, I'd say probably more like three stars.

This is a cute enough little story about a leprechaun who earns his gold by making adorable shoes for the other fairies and for people in the town. The leprechaun likes to keep his gold, and he keeps it in a pot on his shelf. One day, though, a guy from town stops to order shoes and sees the pot of gold. He decides to steal it when he comes back, but the leprechaun guesses his plan and buries the gold. When the man comes back, though, he catches the leprechaun--now the leprechaun will have to grant his wishes. But the clever leprechaun has a few tricks up his sleeve and, in the process, we learn how the pot of gold got at the end of the rainbow.

I appreciated how there was a little moral to this story, about being nice to leprechauns in order to receive their magic, and the illustrations are pretty darn cute. I especially like the front and end papers which show a map of the leprechaun's magical land.

Debby Baumgartner says

Nicely illustrated story of a shoemaker leprechaun and how he outwits the character named Tim.

Cheryl M. says

Well told story and cute pictures.

Stephanie Skolmoski says

Leprechauns can be feisty little fellows. They can be mean, mischievous, clever and fun to read about at this time of year. Katherine Tegen tells a tale of how Tim tries to trick a Leprechaun and still his gold. But this little Leprechaun is very clever, so clever that he grants Tim his wishes but Tim finds he can't outwit a Leprechaun.

Sally Anne Lambert's illustrations are great. They are colorful and depict this little Irish village perfectly. The Leprechauns have the cute, wonky hats and pointed shoes and, of course, the striped socks. Children will love the pictures and story.

Miri says

Story of a Leprechaun shoe maker who outsmarts a man out for his gold. Cute, not too long, good choice for young readers.

Klaudia Janek says

Highly Recommended [return][return]The book starts with a fun author's note. Children will want that information before reading the story. We're introduced to the Leprechaun, who is a shoemaker. He makes shoes for humans and fairies. The Leprechaun does not spend much of the money he earns and puts it all in a pot in his house. Unfortunately, one day a human named Tim sees the money and starts thinking of ways to steal the pot of gold. Tim also wants to capture the Leprechaun so that he could have three wishes. As Tim plots, the Leprechaun is aware of his greediness and comes up with a way to hide his gold. He captured the Leprechaun and cheated with his wishes. The Leprechaun finds a way to trick Tim and to this day the gold is still hidden.[return][return]The illustrations flow very nicely with the words. The drawings are light and whimsical, with hints of Ireland and magic. The village map on the endpapers is interesting to look at after reading the story. Younger children will enjoy this book. It will complement other St. Patrick's Day books. It is a good read out-loud. It would work for Accelerated Reader quizzes. It would serve as a good introductory book to fantasy. I also think that the author and illustrator captured a way to teach about greed that is understandable to small children. It's a great addition to a public or school library picture book collection.

Marcia says

A nice little introduction to the legend of the leprechaun on this St. Patrick's Day for my favorite preschooler. Very cute, whimsical illustrations, and a cunning leprechaun who won't be outsmarted!

Dolly says

This is an entertaining and funny story about a miserly leprechaun who earns a pot of gold by cobbling wonderful shoes for people. One person catches him in hopes of getting his pot of gold, but it's a clear case of being careful what you wish for, with hilarious results. The illustrations are very colorful and complement the story nicely. We enjoyed reading this story in time for St. Patrick's Day and our girls enjoyed telling us stories about what the leprechauns did to their classrooms at school and showing us the naughty mischief they did at our own house. Such a fun holiday!

Lee Eaton says

Lovely story

I loved the beautiful illustrations! The story was a good lesson for someone being dishonest. I will share this with children .

Tricia says

If searching for a classic and simple leprachaun story for preschoolers/early elementary, this title is a perfect selection for St. Patrick's Day/month of March. Perfectly illustrated and told through fluid flowing prose, this book shares the magic of the little tricky creature who is captured by a greedy man who tries to steal the leprechaun's gold.

Nick says

This book is a rather cute retelling of a traditional Irish tale. I do think, though, that when an author does such a retelling, that it be mentioned somewhere on or in the book. Just like a musician should give credit to a traditional tune they're using to create a new song, the traditional stories should be honored. Here, the publishing information and jacket copy gives the impression that it's entirely a new story, when it is not. That said, the artwork is really nice, and the story version itself is cute, very suitable for grades K-2. Kids will probably be puzzled about one part, though, as the Leprechaun cheats on a wish about shoes, and that part reads less convincingly than the rest of the story. Instead of a trick, it came across as a lie, which isn't the same thing. This was a modification of the original story which didn't work as well as the traditional version.

Clever Tom and the Leprechaun by Linda Shute is another version of this tale, in a similar format, if you wish to compare.

Lara says

Probably 3-3.5 stars, but as a St. Patrick's storytime read, it rounds up to 4. It's a good length for the kids and not too convoluted or complicated a plot, so a good group read and still a good story (surprisingly a hard balance to find for St. Patrick's Day). A good introduction to leprechauns and some of their commonly associated ideas (pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, etc.)

As a storybook in the bigger sense, it's pretty average - standard fairy tale or legend kind of a thing. Not particularly exceptional illustrations, but nor ugly or weird or anything either. Straightforward lesson about being greedy and stealing, but the leprechaun fights back with magic and trickery, so go figure.
