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The Tale of Benjamin Bunny is an original classic by Beatrix Potter.

Peter Rabbit's cousin, Benjamin Bunny, has been a very popular character since this book's first publication in 1904. In this tale we hear all about his and Peter's adventures in Mr McGregor's vegetable garden, and what happens to them when they meet a cat! Even more frightening, is what happens to the two pesky bunnies when Old Mr Benjamin Bunny finds out what they have been up to!

Beatrix Potter is regarded as one of the world's best-loved children's authors of all time. From her first book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, published by Frederick Warne in 1902, she went on to create a series of stories based around animal characters including Mrs. Tiggy-winkle, Benjamin Bunny, Jemima Puddle-duck, Mr. Jeremy Fisher and Tom Kitten.

Her humorous, lively tales and beautiful illustrations have become a natural part of childhood. With revenue from the sales of her books, Beatrix Potter bought a farm - Hill Top - in the English Lake District, where she later became a farmer and prize-winning sheep breeder. She launched the now vast merchandise programme by patenting the very first Peter Rabbit doll in 1903. The product range continues to grow today with licences around the world including baby clothing and bedding, nursery decor products and collectables. Upon her death, Beatrix Potter left 14 farms and over 4000 acres of Lake District farmland to the National Trust so that the place that she loved would remain undeveloped and protected for future generations to enjoy.

Today Beatrix Potter's original 23 tales are still published by Frederick Warne, alongside a wide range of other formats including baby books, activity books and gift and sound books.

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny is number four in Beatrix Potter's series of 23 little books. Look out for the rest!

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Carola says

Oh, loco, en el cuento el papá conejo le da con una varilla al conejito hijo. Quedé perpleja. Porque si bien creo que no tiene nada de malo un palmazo en el momento correcto, encontré fuerte que le diera con una vara al pobre Benjamin Bunny Jr. Lo único que me gustó de este cuento fueron los monitos de Potter. Hermosos. Pero la historia, un asco.

Nick says

Cute continuation of the Tale of Peter Rabbit. My daughter was disappointed that Mr. McGregor didn't make much of a showing in this one, but his cat did. Peter's naughty little cousin, Benjamin, decides that they need to rescue Peter's clothes from Mr. McGregor's garden.

There really wasn't as much suspense in this one as Peter, but it was still as nice little story with beautiful pictures.

Leah says

Beatrix Potter is a charming story teller to little ones with sweet illustrations. I didn't know about Benjamin Bunny, and while it had a good enough resolution, it was sad to see little Peter Rabbit get strung along in mischief once more by his cousin. Ben was at ease the whole time confident in his mischief, but poor Peter was nervous and ready to leave and go straight home (as he should after his last time in the garden!). In the end Benjamin gets switched by his father for his naughtiness and Peter Rabbit runs home again and his mother is just glad his coat and shoes are found and forgives him, and enjoys the onions his cousin stole from the garden. There is both the consequences (discipline for Benjamin Bunny) and grace extended to Peter Rabbit.

Saashya Rodrigo says

If I remember right, this book taught me what 'consequence' meant. After reading it years later, only now do I realize the humour in 'rabbit tobacco' being lavender. What could be cuter than that! That's proof that you're never too old for some Beatrix Potter classics!

I think all children should be introduced to this series. It's simple and exciting and you'll always learn new words.

Paul Bryant says

The tale of Benjamin Bunny as retold by Quentin Tarantino:

"Bring out the bunny."

"But the bunny's asleep."

"Well you'd best go *wake him up then* ."

Ronyell says

"The Tale of Benjamin Bunny" is the fourth book made in Beatrix Potter's "Peter Rabbit" books and it is about how Peter's cousin Benjamin convinces Peter to come to Mr. McGregor's garden to get Peter's clothes back. "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny" is a truly memorable follow up to the classic tale "Peter Rabbit."

The book starts off with Benjamin Bunny watching Mr. and Mrs. McGregor going out for the day and he decided to get his cousin Peter to come along with him to Mr. McGregor's garden to get Peter's clothes back.

Oh my goodness! Beatrix Potter has certainly outdone herself in this classic follow up to the ever popular children's book "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Beatrix Potter's writing is extremely cute and interesting as it details Peter and Benjamin's adventures in Mr. McGregor's garden. I loved how the role of "mischievous little troublemaker" is switched to Benjamin Bunny instead of Peter Rabbit as Peter is constantly shown as being afraid in ever image. Since I have read "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," I cannot really blame Peter for being so jumpy after the scare he had when he went to Mr. McGregor's garden and I personally would have been scared too if I went back to a place that scared the daylights out of me. It was interesting seeing another character who was as naughty as Peter was and what made Benjamin into such an endearing character was that he remained optimistic about the situation. Beatrix Potter's illustrations are extremely cute as most of the main characters are animals. My favorite illustrations were of the mice cracking cherry stones as they look extremely realistic yet cute at the same time as they huddled up next to each other and looked so adorable eating the cherry stones.

Overall, "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny" is a truly cute and wonderful classic tale from Beatrix Potter about the consequences of being naughty! I would recommend this book to children ages three and up since there is nothing inappropriate in this book.

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Erica says

What a weird little story. I don't know if I've ever really read this story and understood what it was about. I read it again today, like really read it and I'm confused about the message and also why this was such a popular children's story.

Kaethe says

This is not my favorite Potter, although that hat on the cover is awesome. The little books are so adorable, though.

GoldGato says

Of all the Beatrix Potter books, this one is closest to modern life. Benjamin Bunny goes to visit his cousins who live with their single, widowed mother...who runs a shop selling rabbit-wool mittens she's knitted herself along with herbs and, ahem, "*rabbit-tobacco*".

Benjamin is streetwise (unlike his cousin Peter) and knows the ins and outs of stealing. He is moving fast into a life of crime, but he doesn't reckon with his old man, known as Old Benjamin Bunny. Papa bunny is the Clint Eastwood of his hood and kicks the butt of the local bully cat, while also delivering parental punishment to our Benjie Bunny.

I love little Benjamin Bunny. He must have grown up to become an investment banker.

Book Season = Year Round (boo-ya)

Alex Sarll says

Reading to an engaged audience is wonderful. But when that audience keeps interrupting to talk about other books in the series, you do start to sympathise with Steven Moffat.

Christabelle says

Benjamin gives this five stars making it unanimous among my children. Oldest daughter loved the story and her younger sister adored the illustrations.

Atsupui Dogbla says

This book shows children's behavior when left alone at home. There would be a cousin or friend that would put them in a certain situation they won't experience themselves. And they could get hurt if nobody around comes to their rescue.

Matthew Hunter says

A brief glimpse at the illustrations takes me back to pre-school days. Beatrix Potter's amazing. Is it weird that I remember the texture and smell of the pages in the tiny hardbacks? I'm doing my best to get the kids hooked on these stories. We'll see.

Calista says

I still love the art work and something about this one wasn't as fun for me. Peter did get his clothes back from the farmer. At the end of the 1st book he had lost them to the farmer's scarecrow. The artwork is still as marvelous and the story was good. It simply wasn't my favorite so far of Beatrix's books.

Gail says

Ah, this book made me glad I was reading them all in order of publication. This is book 4, and for the first time, characters from a previous books turn up! We learn a bit more about Peter Rabbit's widowed mother, for instance - she makes a living selling, among other things, rabbit tobacco (known as lavender to us oblivious humans!). Benjamin Bunny is Peter Rabbit's cousin, and even more mischievous than him. Peter is still unwell (and without clothes - wearing a handkerchief to hide his nakedness!) from his escapades in Mr McGregor's garden. Benjamin Bunny gets straight to the point, and asks who's got his clothes. When Peter explains, Benjamin informs him that Mr McGregor is out for the day - very subtle way of suggesting they go retrieve the clothes! So off they go, despite the fact that poor Peter is poorly and now terrified of that garden!

And then of course they have adventures, despite Mr McGregor being out for the day! I won't give away any spoilers but will mention that, gosh, Benjamin Bunny's dad is quite a fierce character - nowhere near as lenient as Peter Rabbit's mother!
