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Swedish Folktales and Legends is a diverse and representative collection of stories from Sweden's centuries-old folklore tradition. Ranging from the ribald to the romantic, from the rustic to the mythical, these are lively translations of 150 tales drawn from unique sources including the Swedish National Folklore Archives and numerous private collections, while the humorous and dramatic illustrations are gathered from classic volumes of Swedish folktales. Lone Thygesen Blecher's engaging introduction details the purpose and background of folktales and legends as well as the history of their collection. This distinctive selection presents the storytelling artistry of Sweden's lush folkloric tradition.

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Lavoie Lianne (The Towering Pile) says

While some of the stories in this book were fun to read, for the most part I found that the book consisted of a few stories told over and over again with slight variations. I grew weary of it rather quickly, but kept going because I never put a book down unfinished. Maybe it would be better to just read the occasional story from this book. I sure don't recommend reading it all the way through.

Indra says

Hay algunas fórmulas de folktales un poco inusuales, y muchas historias que nunca me había topado. Es cierto que dentro del libro sí hay muchas que se parecen y se vuelve algo repetitivo, pero igual incluye muchas historias memorables (ej. trolls atacados por un oso que confunden con un gato), así que aunque le puse 3 estrellas, le tengo cariño.

Stephanie says

pretty cool for sporadic reading, but hard to read cover to cover...some repetition between story themes. and i say that as a fan of both folk tales and Swedes!

Ahimsa says

So many good tales, and quite a few of them bawdy too.

Tommaso De says

The selection of tales is rather puzzling, many are extremely similar to the point of boredom, and others are practically irrelevant. There are a few amusing ones, but it would have been a better book with 1/3 of the pages.

Jason says

An collection of translated Swedish folktales with little to no contextual information or collection information. Interesting for an overview of folktales and legends for those who do not speak Scandinavian languages.

