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"Once, there was a man who went crazy from too much reading. He only read books about knighthood; that was the problem." So begins this charming retelling of Don Quixote de la Mancha, one of the most entertaining books ever written. Young people will delight in the hilarious adventures of the idealistic would-be knight and his "squire," Sancho Panza, as they set out to right the wrongs of the world. Ms. Palacios, a talented storyteller, captures all the flavor and irony of the original as the two heroes ride forth to conquer evil. Along the way the well-meaning but addled knight-errand mistakes a miserable inn and its keeper for a castle and its lord; imagines an ordinary peasant girl to be the noble lady Dulcinea, perceives windmills as giants to be overcome, and gets enmeshed in other cases of mistaken identity. These, and many more incidents and adventures are retold here in a beguiling, easy-to-read version, enhanced by six new black-and-white illustrations by Thea Kliros. This edition is sure to delight today's youngsters, just as the original has enchanted countless readers since its publication nearly 400 years ago.

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## **Josette says**

Not having read the original (or the translation of the original....although I have a copy of it on my bookshelf which makes me suspect that I read at least part of it for a college class, but have no memory of it), it seems like a good introduction to the work. This is an abridged version, which I had my 5th grader read for history. I read it as well, so I could provide help w/ the book report.

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## **Lyndsey says**

Taught special education students; huge hit!

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## **Amie says**

After seeing the ballet twice I was intrigued to know the original story. I love how sweet and imaginative it is, it's a nice easy read and I'd happily read more.

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## **Heather says**

Adventures of Don Quixote by Argentina Palacios is a short adaptation designed for children. It is well done and includes most of the adventures of Don Quixote and Sancho Pancho in an easy to understand format for elementary schoolers. It's a great introduction that will hopefully make kids want to read the real thing when they are a little older.

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## **Great Book Study says**

Of course, nothing compares to the chunky unabridged version; but this is a decent intro for young readers to the epic Don Quixote.

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## **Sadie Levesque says**

I don't really know when I started or finished this book but reading it with Mrs. Broby was awesome!!

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## **Michelle says**

I read this with one of my kids and also for a 5th grade class I am teaching a Language Arts unit on this.

There are quite a few lessons to be learned for youngsters within this story - friendship, kindness, facing responsibility, gratitude, humility, accepting who you are, helping others,...and perhaps even dealing with the mentally ill among us. The gist of the story as I see it: What happens when rigid ideology clashes with cold, hard reality.

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### **Kimberly says**

Great kid-friendly version to introduce children to the story-line. My boys really enjoyed it.

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### **Amy says**

My students absolutely adored this book. Not sure how they'll feel about it in college when they realize the 980 page original is as disjointed as the children's edition they read in 5th grade. Just a bunch of stories loosely tacked together with a running thread of fart jokes and violence. Sounds like a fifth grade boy's dream, though. Doesn't it? Anyway 3 stars for entertaining my students and setting them up for some fun character studies.

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### **Zach says**

Collapsing the grandly episodic Don Quixote into a slender children's novel was never going to be an easy quest -- nor even a possible one. Too much is lost in the compacted storytelling. The subtle ironies that guide the novel's themes are translated into language that's too literal -- and not romantic enough.

I definitely would NOT recommend this as an introduction to Don Quixote. I read it partly out of curiosity -- with a possible eye to use it in the classroom, but I don't think there's much utility to be had.

That being said, there were still some charming moments -- or perhaps my imagination and love for the original novel was doing enough heavy lifting to transcend an otherwise underwhelming attempt at Don Quixote.

Remember, "Everything is possible, Sancho."

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### **Avalon says**

This book teaches us that we need to keep our imagination and dreams in control. Don Quixote began seeing things, such as windmills, enchanted. it was not my favorite book.

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