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While searching for shelter from a rainstorm, a little faery named Sneezle is pursued by a band of strange creatures with wooden swords. They're not faeries, they're not goblins...in fact, he doesn't know *what* they are. With their long sticklike limbs, gnarled faces, and mouths full of knife-sharp teeth, they aren't like anything the denizens of Old Oak Wood have ever seen. Sneezle barely escapes, but *another* band of the ugly little creatures chases him out of the safety of the woods. Fleeing for his life, the little faery is forced to find refuge in a place that is almost as frightening as the stick men themselves -- in an old stone cottage at the edge of the forest. It is here that Sneezle must confront his greatest adventure and biggest fear.

In *The Faeries of Spring Cottage*, fans of young Sneezle will be delighted to see that their reluctant hero is journeying out of Old Oak Wood (even if it is against his will) and encountering humans for the first time, as well as other enchanting, mysterious -- and sometimes scary -- new beings. This dazzling collaboration between renowned doll maker Wendy Froud and award-winning writer Terri Windling introduces a host of magical new characters, including a strange faery court beneath a kitchen sink, rat-faery warriors, and faery dolls that magically come to life. Art-directed by Brian Froud, creator of *Good Faeries/Bad Faeries*, this latest volume in the Sneezle series captures the diminutive hero on his latest adventure in vivid detail.

Following the success of Wendy Froud and Terri Windling's first two Sneezle stories, *A Midsummer Night's Faery Tale* and *The Winter Child*, this new volume opens the magical window of enchantment once more with an extraordinary combination of story and art. *The Faeries of Spring Cottage* is destined to charm and captivate lovers of fairy tales, fantasy literature, and all things Froudian.

The Faeries of Spring Cottage Details

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Marsha says

Sneezele is a root faery with a penchant for getting into trouble. In this continuation of his adventures, first started in *A Midsummer Night's Faery Tale*, he gets involved with a bunch of house faeries, some kind, some mischievous and some severely deluded, and a human girl sorely in need of comforting.

While the faeries of the Old Oak Wood have no need for nor concern with humans, the ones in the cottage suffer greatly when the one human being who believes in them becomes sick and is removed from her home. They need someone to intercede for them and Sneezele proves just the faery for the job.

Sneezele is bolder than he realizes and smarter than he knows. He's brave but willing to take to his heels if danger threatens. His adventures contain just enough danger to be exciting and enough whimsy to make you smile. His encounter with a human child is gratifying to read while avoiding the perils of being saccharine. This book does just what you would hope for in any series about a main character—it expands their world and raises the level of their challenges.

The illustrations of imagined creatures by Wendy Froud are as wonderful to behold and are a seamless fit with Terri Windling's writing. Someone once said that all the world is made of stories and Sneezele's tale is a perfect addition.

Beverly says

Cute story; wonderful illustrations

Hope says

a beautiful, sweet picture book :)
