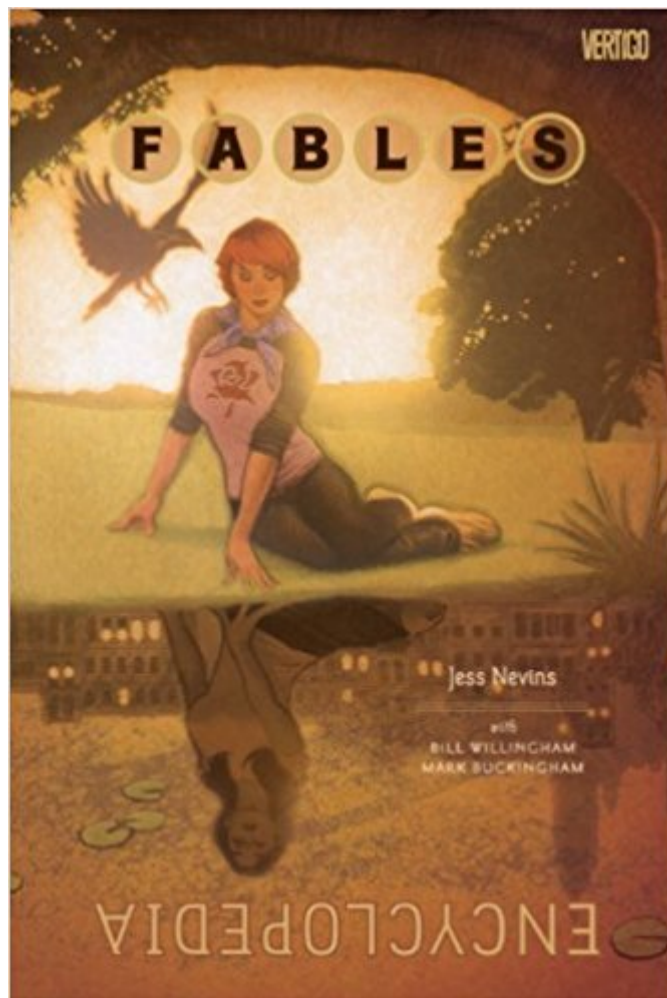


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# Fables Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

The histories behind the fairy tale characters in New York Times best-selling author Bill Willingham's series FABLES are uncovered here in the FABLES ENCYCLOPEDIA. Exhaustively researched by author Jess Nevins, these annotations fill in details hailing down from ancient myth and forgotten civilizations of the timeless figures that compose the world of Fabletown, including Snow White, Bigby Wolf, Boy Blue and many more. This new compendium is a must-have addition to any FABLES aficionado's library as well as any fan of modern folk lore and fairy tales.

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## Customer Reviews

Bill Willingham has been writing, and sometimes drawing, comics for more than twenty years. During that time he's had work published by nearly every comics publisher in the business and he's created many critically acclaimed comic book series, including Elementals, Coventry, PROPOSITION PLAYER and FABLES. Along with FABLES and JACK OF FABLES, Willingham wrote the miniseries DAY OF VENGEANCE and currently writes SALVATION RUN. His work has been nominated for many awards, including the Eisner, Harvey and Ignatz comic industry awards and the International Horror Guild award. He lives somewhere near a good poker room.

This is even a better purchase than I thought it would be. I thought it would just be the history of the characters within the series, but it also tells where the character originated in the world of folklore

and literature. Beautiful book, fantastic presentation, and a great addition to any Fables collection.

This is a must for the bookshelf or virtual bookshelf of any fables fan. Full of interesting information and beautiful art work taken from the comics, this could be subtitled: everything one wanted to know about the fables comic! Bravo!

This is a perfect companion to have with you while reading Fables comics. It explains the backgrounds of every fairy tale character that makes an appearance as well as how the author twisted their character to fit into the comic book world. Includes some sneak peaks at great character developments too!

Highly recommend the entire series, great writing, beautiful art, fantastic stories.

This is a beautifully illustrated, well written collection of background information about all the characters you know and love (or hate) in Bill Willingham's Fables worlds. It includes tidbits of real world mythology and legends as well as insight into the whys and wherefores of the Fable versions of classic characters such as the Big Bad Wolf and the North Wind. I am very glad to have added it to my admittedly obsessive Fables collection.

I'd highly recommend this book to die-hard Fables fans. However, I must stress here that this book is NOT intended to be an introduction to new readers as it contains many, MANY major spoilers on big events that occur in the series. If you haven't read up to about issue 124, you should consider waiting before reading this unless you don't mind being spoiled. As for the book itself, This book is really fantastic. It's got really lovely graphics and design in it's pages and layout. My favorite part of the articles are when there are notes from Bill Willingham and/or Mark Buckingham's on certain select characters -And as a fan who's read about these characters from the beginning, I'm SO glad they included those because they are really a treat to read. Another big plus is that the bios are informative and educate you on many of the original stories and their origins, while also telling about the Fables version. It's a great read for fairytale aficionados as well as just fans of Fables. Another amazing bonus, annotations for the series itself! Wow! I never thought we'd get to see something like that here, fantastic addition. It'll make re-reading the books more exciting for those inclined to re-read them or just to go look for the info presented. I do feel the need to point out the few faults the book has. It has some unusual inconsistencies regarding spin-off material we have some

Fairest/Jack Of Fables/Peter & Max characters, yet they leave out a great deal of noteworthy characters from those titles. Almost no JoF were included which is rather odd seeing as they did play a part in the universe in the Great Fables Crossover. At first I assumed that they had cut out JoF's universe entirely (Like they did with inclusions for Peter & Max for some reason) but oddly enough Humpty Dumpty, Revise, and the Page Sisters were there, though oddly Pathetic Fallacy (AKA Gary) had no mention despite being more important. It was a little unusual in that regard. I suppose the page limit may have been a factor, but that could have been resolved by decreasing the amount of 2-page spreads or instead just using single panel images for characters (like the ones we get in the who's who section). Including whole pages for character images kinda irked me a little. I appreciate that they showcase the great panel work, but the book is for those of us who are familiar with the stories and I didn't actually read the spreads because I've read them already and reading them outside of a storyline's context felt like flipping to a random page in my TPBs. I don't mean to sound like I'm not happy with what we got but I feel like this would bear pointing out in case they decide to release a 2nd edition down the line. Overall, even though I don't think that it's 100% perfect I still adore this book and am incredibly happy that I own it. While it could have utilized the page number better and perhaps included more characters. I still loved it and am certain I'll be re-reading it often. I'd Highly Recommend this book!

With the abundant amount of characters introduced throughout the Fables series it can be difficult keeping track of each and every one. The Fables Encyclopedia is a fantastic companion guide to remembering each character and the roles they played in the story. In addition to their Fables role, we're given a detailed and fascinating history on the characters that existed outside of the Fables universe. Snippets of comics were re-printed from past issues to detail certain characters as well. I enjoyed reading about several lesser known characters that were only given brief appearances in the comics and finding out more of their backstory but was disappointed by how it wasn't as up to date as I'd hope. Many of the stories of characters from the spin-off series weren't elaborated on in particular a character from Fables: Werewolves of the Heartland. Considering that issue was published in November 2012 and this Encyclopedia was published October 2013 I would have expected those updates to be covered. The comic snippets were nice to read again but seemed repetitive and unessential since it wasn't adding anything new to what the text already disclosed. Clearly not an all encompassing guide, Fables Encyclopedia is fairly informative but mostly interesting in regards to the characters lives outside of the Fables universe.

This book is a must have for any fan of the comic book Fables and it's spin-offs. This contains nearly every major character in the comics with wonderfully detailed origins and very colorful pages. Two notes I should point out though. If your looking for anything stories behind the Fairest spin-off, this book covers very little...almost nothing. Also, this book has some huge spoilers, so if your only reading the deluxe editions I strongly suggest you hold this off until you finish the Cubs in Toyland arch. However, if you want spoilers then go head an get this book. Your mundy mind will thank you.

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