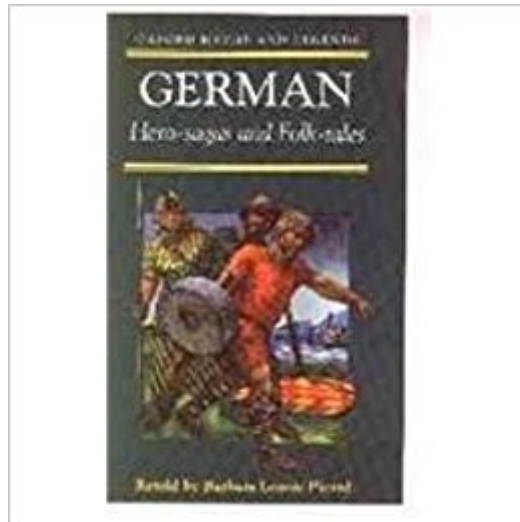




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Synopsis

This collection includes the splendid legends of the great German heroes, among them the story of Gudrun, and the saga of Siegfried and the vengeance of Kriemhild. There is also a lively collection of traditional folk tales, with the escapades of the rascally Till Eulenspiegel, and stories such as The Mousetower and The Ratcatcher of Hamelin.

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This is a great book, very well written, yet phrased simply enough so that children can follow the stories. A few are a bit on the brutal side, but that's the nature of lots of folklore unfortunately. However, the brutality is not graphically described nor overdone. I had heard of Siegfried and Kriemhilde in connection with Wagnerian operas, but never knew the full story until reading this book. It's interesting how many of the folk tales mirror folk stories from earlier civilizations (Achilles / Siegfried in terms of their both having only one spot where they could be wounded, etc.). I would strongly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about German folklore and legends.

An excellent little book and quick read. The book is broken into two parts. The first part, Hero-Sagas, is, except for the first story, an abridgement of the Nibelungenlied. It tells the story of Siegfried and Kriemhild and their terrible ending. The second part, Folk-Tales, is filled with short stories where the main message seems to be that the cunning and quick witted will always win,

especially against the proud. Not exactly the best morality message, but it is fun to see wits in action.

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