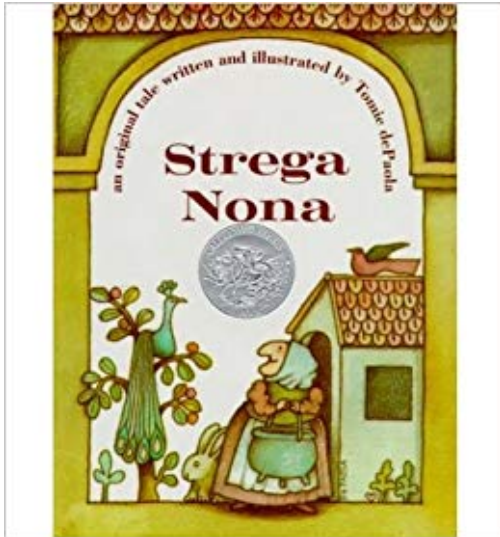


Strega Nona: An old tale *by* Tomie De Paola



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When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.



Reviews of the *Strega Nona: An old tale* *by* Tomie De Paola

Talvinl

I read this book to my children and bought it so they can read it to theirs. Wonderful pictures and wonderful story.

Strega Nona has a magic pot that makes pasta. It starts with the magic words only she knows and it stops making pasta when she says the ending magic words. Unfortunately, Big Anthony overheard the start words, but not the end magic words and like the BLOB a never ending pot of pasta engulfs the town. Strega Nona returns and deals with Big Anthony and teaches him a lesson he will never forget.

My granddaughter loves this book too. And I love reading it to her.

Brialelis

I read this book as a child and loved it. So when I saw it on the shelf at B&N I was thrilled - wasn't so thrilled with the B&N price though. Then I found it on Amazon the price was killer so I picked it up.

This story is an excellent example of the cost of "not listening" to important instruction. The boy instructed not to touch the witch's magic cooking pot, does so anyways and is dismayed when mounds and mounds of spaghetti fill the town. When Strega Nona returns and stops the spaghetti, she charges the boy with cleaning up his mess by eat all the spaghetti. It teaches, in a fun way, about unintended consequences to our actions.

Kare

My mother grew up in Italy and Strega Nona (La Befana) was such a big part of her life. My mother grew up very poor and she was always so excited to put her stocking or shoe outside their door and hope and pray she would get an orange or one piece of candy. My mother carried on these traditions with our family and when she got great grandchildren she was always so excited. I highly recommend this book and Tomie De Paola is such an awesome writer. Thank you.

Mr Freeman

When our sons were young, we read to them often and then extended their love for reading and stories by playing audio books to them as they were going to sleep at night. Now we have grandchildren and we are seeing them enjoy the same love for reading and stories in like manner. Strega Nona is wonderful story and Tomie dePaola has a pleasing voice to hear as he narrates the story. Our grandchildren love the story and the moments we are spending together are building special memories.

Ubranzac

I love this story! A classic tale from my childhood that I wanted to pass on to my young ones. The audio CD was a bonus! I love the fun music, but the reading of it is very very slow. Also, the print quality of the book is not very good; it seems like the illustrations were blown up to make a larger book but the quality of the images is grainy and colors are faded.

ARE

Best book ever! I've been reading this book for many many years!! My shin who is now 29 his son who is 8 when he was little and now my granddaughter that is 3 and my girls that are now 22 & 17 they ALL enjoy it!!

Gogal

This is, by far, one of my all time favorite books! I remember being read it when I was a child and, after I purchased it for myself and re-read it, got flooded with the memories once again. This is a fantastic book from the mind of Tomie dePaola in which a kind witch, who helps many people in and out of her village, tells her new helper not to use her magical pasta pot while she's away. He doesn't listen and, true to the nature of things, havoc ensues as pasta floods the village. Leave it to Strega Nona to come to the rescue while imparting on him a valuable lesson about listening and learning from your actions. It's a must read :)

I love the story and still have my book from childhood for my son. I purchased this for his cousin and the quality is lacking. The pictures are poorly enlarged. I'll have to go to Barnes and noble and purchase in store. Returning.

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