

# STORY-BOOK TALES



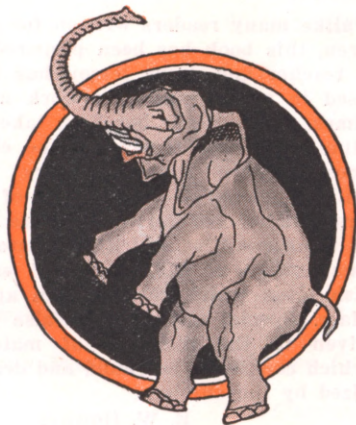
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## ABOUT THE BOOK

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Three things are necessary in the writing of a primary reader: first, that the material used be of vital interest to the children; second, that it be written in language that the child can understand; third, that it shall have educational value. With these requirements in mind, the author of *STORY BOOK TALES* for several years has been making selections from the best of child literature in the preparation of this book. Every story in the list has a fascination for the children, and the most interesting fables and fairy tales are to be found in this volume.

Unlike many readers written for children, this book has been prepared by a teacher and every lesson has been used in actual recitation work many times. Special care has been taken to eliminate words foreign to the child, thus keeping the vocabulary well within the range of children of the first grade. All stories used are rich in those qualities which stimulate the imagination of the child and establish ideas which children can appreciate. Special attention has also been given to the inclusion of material which can easily be retold and dramatized by the children.

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“Dear little child, this little book  
Is less a primer than a key  
To sunder gates where wonder waits  
Your Open Sesame!”

—*Rupert Hughes*

## The Dandelion

A long, long time ago  
the Angel of the Flowers  
came down to earth.

She was looking  
for the best flower in the world.

She went into the meadow.

She went into the woods.

She went into the garden.

At last she came  
to a red tulip.

“Bright tulip,”  
asked the Angel of the Flowers,  
“where do you wish to live?”

