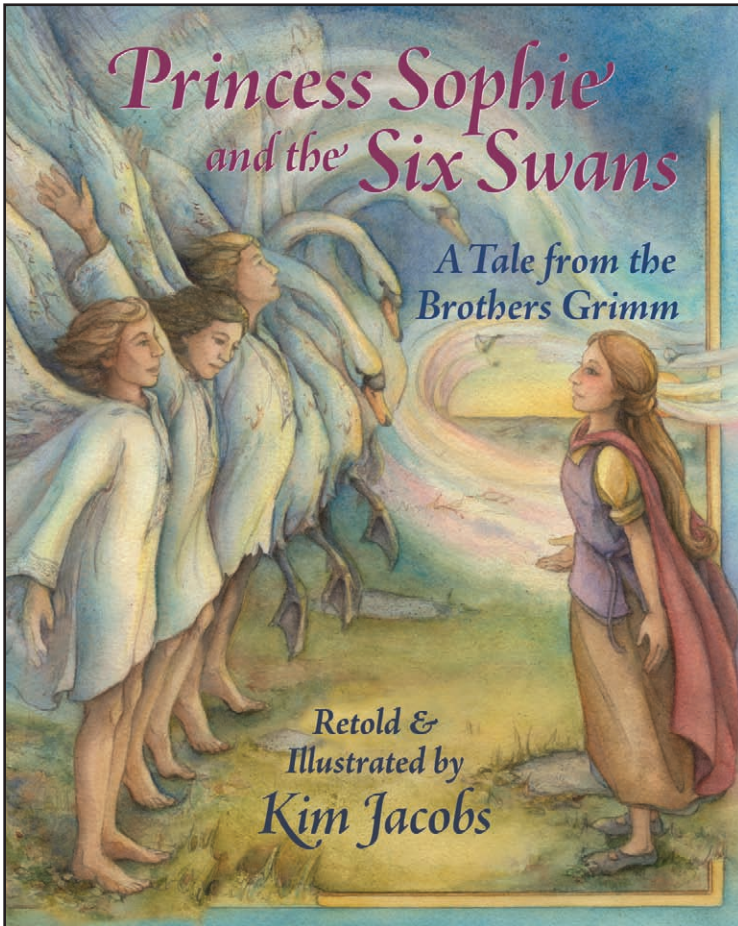


Princess Sophie and the Six Swans

A Tale from the Brothers Grimm

Retold and illustrated by Kim Jacobs



When the spirited young heroine, Princess Sophie, carries loyalty too far, her powerful new stepmother turns her six brothers into swans. Despite all the challenges set before her, can Sophie succeed in saving her brothers? Can she spin six shirts made from thorny thistle, while never speaking a word? Featuring stunning illustrations by artist Kim Jacobs, her skillful adaptation of the Brothers Grimm story contains an author's note with fascinating details on heraldry and swans.

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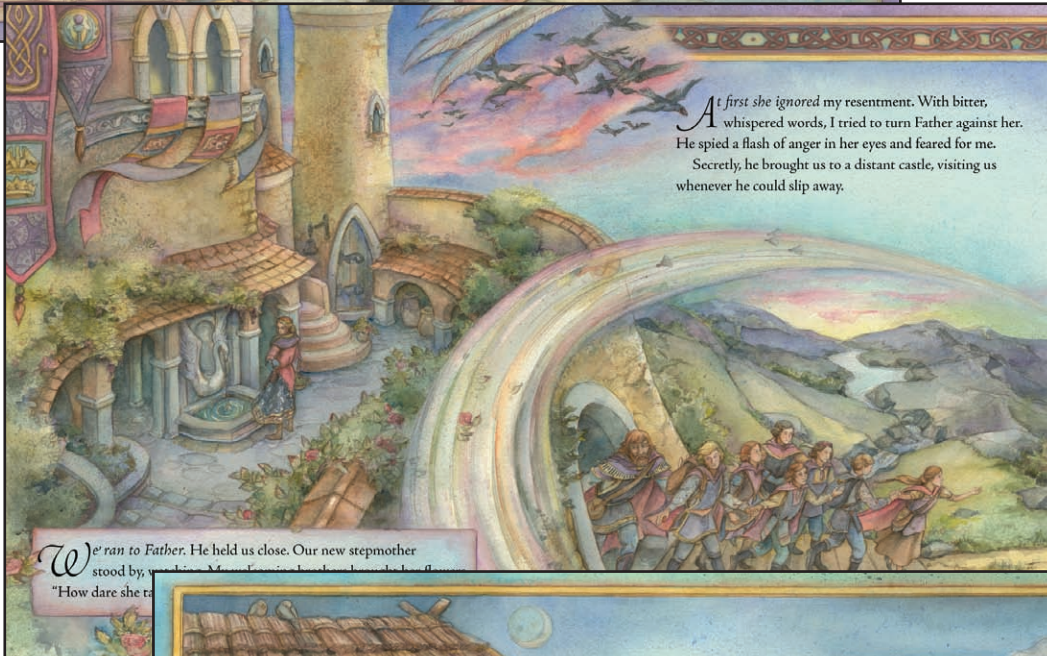
♣ Ages: 4 and up



Selections from the Book



Suddenly, everything changed.
My mother fell ill and died. In
his sorrow, my father grew
distant. We knew he
still loved us, but now he
hardly noticed we were
there. My brothers wept.
Chin up, I stomped
about pretending to
be brave.



At first she ignored my resentment. With bitter,
whispered words, I tried to turn Father against her.
He spied a flash of anger in her eyes and feared for me.
Secretly, he brought us to a distant castle, visiting us
whenever he could slip away.

We ran to Father. He held us close. Our new stepmother
stood by, watching. "How dare she take my place?"



My brother swans set me down on
the shore of a lake. There I built
a small hut. Carefully cutting thistles
that grew nearby, I spun and wove them
into cloth. Finally, I began to sew the first
shirt. I ignored the thorns that stabbed
and stung, for I had to save my brothers.

Reviews for Princess Sophie and the Six Swans

Jacobs . . . has a masterful eye for colors and skillfully employs them to reflect the mood of a scene and drive the narrative. . . . A charming adaptation with a solid moral and a heroine whom little girls and boys can look up to. (Picture book/fairy tale. 4-8)

—*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author and Illustrator



Kim Jacobs has been a children's book illustrator and professional artist for over thirty years, while her popular stationery products have sold in the millions throughout the world. Her art has appeared in children's books such as *Cottage Cats: My Companions on the Path to Joy*, *Glad You are My Friend*, and *Princess Rosie's Rainbows*, as well as on a wide array of gifts, toys, puzzles, fine art prints, and greeting cards. Her bestselling calendar, *The*

Cobblestone Way, is now into its twenty-eighth year. Kim lives with her husband Bob in Maine, in a home surrounded by gardens and powered by the sun.