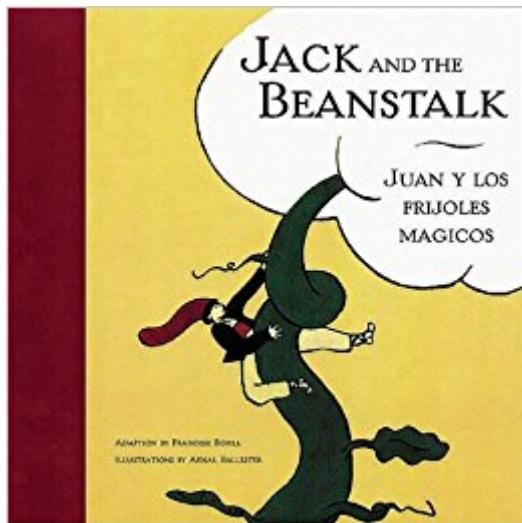


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The story line is a bit different from the version I'm accustomed to. This one has Jack selling a goat, a lady at the top of the bean stalk tells jack the gold belonged to his father and was stolen by the giant and at the end the magical lady gets rid of the stalk with the touch of her wand. There is no Fe Fi Fo Fum, etc either. Still a good story, just a different version.

We have several from this series. They are beautiful -- photos and text lay-out -- and in very high-quality paper. This would make a lovely gift, or a hand-me-down sort of book for the home (I'm inclined to keep ours for my kids' kids).

Like you may assume, this is a retelling of the classic fairy tale in English and Spanish. The

translations are pretty accurate, so if that's your concern, you can go ahead and get this book. What I didn't like was that the story was much more condensed from how I remembered it. I realize that everyone's entitled to tweak the story a little bit, but a lot of critical parts in the story are missing. While Jack does get some magical beans and climbs the stalk, not much activity occurs between the time he spots the giant and escapes with the money. It doesn't seem like an adequate story since the adventure at the top of the beanstalk has been reduced to a mere couple of sentences. It's true that very young children might not notice that a big detail in the story is gone, but I'm sure there are better versions of the story out there. Unfortunately most of those other versions aren't presented in both English and Spanish.

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