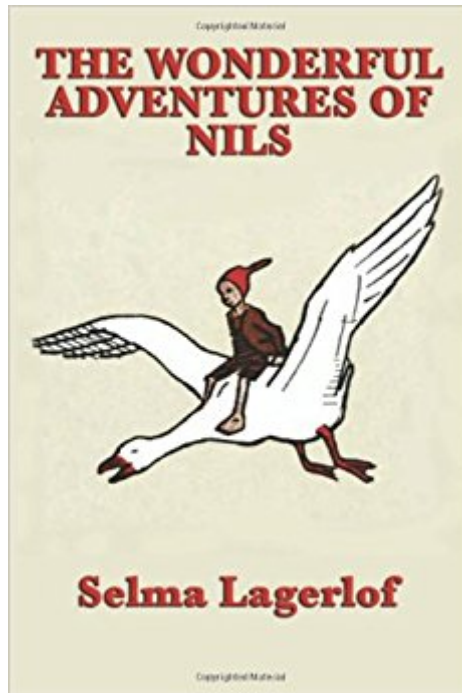




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The Wonderful Adventures Of Nils



Synopsis

Nils is a young lad who likes nothing more than eating and sleeping. He is also a very mean little boy who likes to torment animals. One day he catches a tomte who turns Nils into a tomte, which leaves him shrunken and able to talk with animals, who are thrilled to see the boy reduced to their size and are angry and hungry for revenge.

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'Nil's travels give readers the opportunity to learn about Swedish towns, their inhabitants and traditions. This is one of Sweden's best-loved children's books.' --Folk & Fairy Tales: A Book Guide, Booktrust, Winter 2004 --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Text: English (translation) Original Language: Swedish --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This was a bait and switch, a great disappointment. The book cover shown in the presentation had the wonderful imaginative color illustration that a friend had shown me. My friend's copy of the book also had, inside, a colorful map of Sweden to illustrate in detail Nils' travels. The book I received had this bland green cover, and no map of Sweden.

Hardly read anymore in the U.S.A. this classic tale of a boy turned tiny, who rides on a goose's back

all over Sweden, was written by the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature. Selma Lagerlof was commissioned to write a Swedish geography reader for children. She wound up writing a novel beloved by generations. Wonderful adventures indeed, incorporating not only the geography of Sweden, but many traditional folk tales, glimpses of the natural world, and bits of culture and history. Will Nils ever become normal sized again? Can he help the wild geese elude the bloodthirsty fox? Keep a map of Sweden handy to follow Nils and the wild geese as they fly north for the summer, and you'll likely enjoy this story even more.

I loved the story very much and I really regretted to see it being printed in poor quality. Apart from the typos and inappropriate use of "authored by" on the cover and backbone (the creator's name is placed after that instead of the original author Miss Lagerlof!), the worst of all is the missing of pages. Not until I have read all the book did I find out that I had to stop in the middle of nowhere and it will be too late for me to return the book after I have finished it. I just hope the publisher to be more prudent when printing the book. It is an absolute pity to see a such great story being spoiled by printing issues.

In 1972, I bought this book to send home from Sweden for cousins. I hunted for one like it for my own kids, but could only find the very long original book. This picture book version is true to the original and has charming pictures and a good translation into English. It was in lovely shape and will enchant my grandkids for years to come.

I read this book when I was a child and loved it. I bought this book for my 9 yo, but the quality of this particular issue is very poor. the text is blurry and uneven on each of the pages to the extend it almost hurt my eyes. i am returning the book

While the book itself is phenomenal, and there's not enough praise I can give it, the hardcover edition sold by (ISBN 978-0863151392) is an *abridged* edition of the book. The description does not state that explicitly, and its listed along other editions, some of them (based on the number of pages) are full ones. So I'd wholeheartedly recommend buying this book -- just get a softcover edition instead, or look for an older hardcover one.

My mother grew up with this book, so I wanted to read it with my grandkids. You know, as an alternative to video games. I was surprised how well this classic stood a test of time. My 10 year old

grandson loved it. He really got into the story and cared about it's characters: a boy and the flock of birds he travels with. He liked tracing their adventures on the map provided. The book is beautifully illustrated. We read it together.

I have loved Nils Holgerson since I was a child. I read it in Dutch and bought a newer edition with wonderful illustrations by Anton Pieck, a Dutch illustrator. Now I wanted my grandchildren to enjoy this story. It's a real pity that the English translated is so dated, also that this translation does not tell the entire story. It simply stops somewhere in the middle, leaving out many of Nils' adventures and his homecoming. The copy in my public library is the same. I think this delightful story deserves a new translation because it is a timeless story.

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