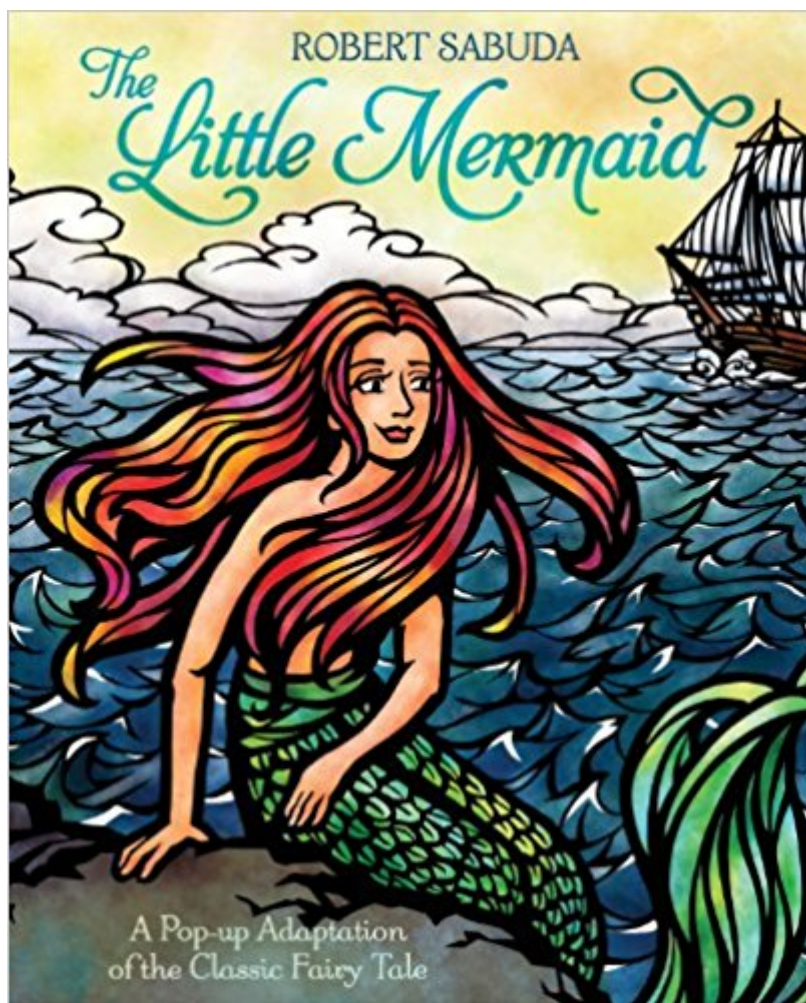


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# The Little Mermaid (Pop-Up Classics)



## Synopsis

A beloved under-the-sea tale is now a pop-up masterpiece, from expert craftsman Robert Sabuda. Come along on a magical journey under the sea in this stunning pop-up adaptation of the beloved fairy tale "The Little Mermaid," expertly crafted by renowned paper engineer Robert Sabuda. Amazing three-dimensional paper structures pop off each page, bringing this classic underwater adventure to life. This visually stunning tale of adventure, true love, and sacrifice is sure to become a favorite in any story-lover's library.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 and up

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-4-Illustrations and pop-ups that sparkle with shimmering light and graceful motion characterize the latest title adapted by a master bookmaker. Much abridged and gently updated, the text closely follows the original, often echoing Andersen's phrasings and similes while streamlining events to create an eloquent yet accessible retelling. The little mermaid's heartfelt longing for her human prince, her quiet courage, and her selfless sacrifice at story's end are poignantly depicted in both words and images. Outlined with heavy black lines that lend a stained-glass effect, the artwork is spectacular. Glowing green and coral hues emblazon a multitiered sculpture of the sea king's realm festooned with plants that seem to tremble in an invisible current. The prince's storm-tossed ship is presented with the bow jabbing out toward readers, 3-D masts and ropes askew, and roiling

blue-black ocean waves curling all around; the sea witch's abode, "built from the bones of shipwrecked sailors," towers tall and menacing. The stately pacing of narrative and artwork allows children to linger over the pages and explore the depths of the tale's emotional complexity. -Joy Fleishhacker, School Library Journal  
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Readers will gasp when they open the first page of Sabuda's latest pop-up adaptation (Peter Pan, 2008; Beauty and The Beast, 2010). It's an intricate below-sea world the castle of the sea king extends 14 inches and is populated with merfolk, twisting trees, and brightly colored coral. The story itself plays out on side flaps and folded booklets, which also feature intricately rendered pop-ups (in one, the sea witch pops forth, moving eyebrows and all). Sabuda is faithful to Hans Christian Andersen's tale, and the text seems less abridged than most retellings of classic stories. But let's get back to those feats of paper engineering. On one spread, a ship pops out towards the reader and the final wedding scene, when the little mermaid holds the bride's train, features a raised tent and guests. The colors are jewel-toned and lit like a stained-glass window and it's visually splendid. Be careful with the pages, and enjoy time and again. Grades 1-4. --Ann Kelley

This gorgeous book has the original version of the story, as written by Hans Christian Anderson. As a child I was haunted by The Little Mermaid. I imagined the beauty of her undersea world, felt terror at her plight, and wished in the most profound way possible that one day I'd wake up and find a little mermaid in my bathtub. When the Disney version came out, I was relieved that no more little girls would feel the Mermaid's pain of the clams on her tail, or the knives as she danced, or the hopelessness as she watched the Prince with his bride; but at the same time I knew the shadow cast by the old story was more true to the life I experienced as I grew up. The story is dark: a mermaid longs for an immortal soul, is put through an excruciating trial, and appears to lose everything in the end. It hints that the price of love and sexuality is unrelenting pain, and the only escape is cruelty or death. Should little children read this? I don't know. But the story can settle deeply into a young girl's bones. I am a huge fan of Sabuda. His pop-ups are extravagant and wildly colored, and this book is no exception. The side books are wonderfully inventive and intricate. No child could fail to be enchanted by the visions both dark and light in this book, nor any adult either. Some of the pop-ups are heavy and fragile, so be careful!

This isn't up to standard with other Robert Sabuda pop up books. Notably, I had to return one due to the tree page ripping even before it arrived, and when I got the new one, it ripped again, it's just poorly designed as there is too much pressure placed at one particular fold point, so lots of taping ensued. Also, it's poorly designed in terms of the little pocket pop-ups, they are blocked (especially on the big boat pop-up) and very hard to open and see, we'll stick with Alice in Wonderland

I've never seen anything like it. I happened upon a Robert Sabuda pop up book quite by accident. The Wizard of Oz was for sale at my local discount store, brand new, for only \$4. I expected nothing when I opened it up and was blown away by the in your face pop ups! They were amazing and there were plenty of them. They only had two copies and I could kick myself for only getting one. That was it for me. I was hooked. I instantly came to look for this item and discovered I got quite a bargain. I also discovered that there are more! I now own The Wizard of Oz, Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Alice in Wonderland...and The Little Mermaid (TLM). I love them all, but in my opinion The Little Mermaid is mesmerizing! I'm not child but these books transform me back to the little girl who loved pop up books! TLM is so stunning that my mouth hung open in awe. Even my husband was impressed by this book and asked me if I was going to get more. Four more are on the way as I type this. I have three granddaughters, ages 3 and 4, and I've shown them these books and the looks on their faces are priceless. However, they have been told they cannot touch because these books belong to grandma! They have a small library in my home so these won't be missed. I highly recommend these older children and adults!

Book itself is beautiful. Watching a YouTube video of all the pages in this book convinced me to get it for a friend since his favorite story is the little mermaid. The book arrived a short while ago and it is just as beautiful. I would recommend this for anyone that is a fan of the little mermaid story (Disney or original). HOWEVER, I would look through your sent item carefully. The one that one sent to me was NOT NEW. Attached pictures of the small dirt stains that I found while flipping through the pages, those didn't bother me until I turned to the pre-last page and wondered why the trees weren't going up and I noticed that the connection part was RIPPED. Definitely disappointed that would not check their returned products before selling it to someone else. Not okay to sell a broken page pop-up book as new... this would not be such an issue if it wasn't a Christmas present for a friend...

Once again, the magic of Sabuda shines through in the extraordinary constructions within the book. However, the quality of the book itself was lacking. The spine of the book was not properly glued

and one of the larger popups tore upon opening requiring gluing. Would recommend CAREFULLY and slowly opening each page on first read in order to prevent any damage to the popups.

So creative and beautiful! I'm going crazy purchasing these books for my niece. I don't know if it's more for her or me anymore as I love to read them to/with her. lol! There's so many surprise effects. Both breathtaking and eye catching!

WOW....THE MOST INCREDIBLE POP UP BOOK EVER. Makes you wish you were a kid opening it up for the first time. The last page is the show stopper. Sabuda does it again. Only get this if you want to be the coolest Aunt in the family.

This book is gorgeous.. the no d you would use as decoration..... if you haven't seen robert sabudaxs pop up books I recommend you get this.... I've had the peter pan one too... Its also very nice

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