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# King Arthur And The Knights Of The Round Table (Little Golden Book)



## Synopsis

Wizards and knights! Queens and quests! The tales of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table are legendary favorites whose appeal transcends time. This gorgeously illustrated collection—unavailable for decades—combines the work of renowned illustrator Gustaf Tenggren with captivating storytelling, and reignites the magic of an age long ago and far away.

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## Customer Reviews

No kid should have to grow up without a healthy helping of King Arthur and his noble knights (to better understand Monty Python later in life, if nothing else), and this stunningly illustrated, faithfully recounted collection has few equals. Originally published in 1962, the handsome reprint includes the same illustrations that made the original so compelling: the late Swedish artist Gustaf Tenggren (also responsible for the bestselling kids' book of all time) captures these stories' bravado and high adventure with majestic, almost theatrically composed paintings, many of which stretch dramatically over two pages. Tenggren's credits also include the original concept art for Disney's Snow White and Pinocchio, and you'll find that same posed, classical style here. (Although be warned that, like the Arthurian legends themselves, things can get a little messy, whether it's Lancelot's sword

splitting Meliagrance's helmet in half or the giant Taulurd getting his arm chopped off by Sir Tor.) Tenggren's illustrations are clearly the star of the show, but the collection also features excellent text from Emma Gelders Sterne (who was pretty noble herself, as a civil rights and women's suffrage activist), with the help of her daughter Barbara Lindsay. Perhaps realizing that these tales sometimes require affection and patience to fully appreciate, they never shirk from occasionally challenging but satisfying period language, from damsel's "wimples" to "churls in armor." (Ages 9 to 12) --Paul Hughes

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This is a nice book, and much easier to read than the thick language of other King Arthur books. My son is an average reader, in 9th grade, so I was concerned it would be too easy for him, but he enjoyed it, and I was glad I bought it. It would still be an enjoyable read aloud for below 5th grade. It has colorful illustrations.

I loved this book when I was growing up. When my daughter was young I gave a copy to my daughter who's kept it all these years and as an artist I LOVE Tenggren's illustrations..It's a great telling of King Arthur..

really enjoy this book. all the main stories, plus a few extras like Gareth & Lynette, and the illustrations are fantastic!

Amazing

We had this book in my house when I was a kid and I loved it. I hadn't seen it for many years, I don't know what happened to it. When I saw it for sale I was very excited. The text is well done and the illustrations are terrific. The story and the pictures can be somewhat gory in a couple of spots, but I read this to my eight and ten-year olds a chapter or two at a time at bedtime and they couldn't wait for the next chapter.

Superbly illustrated by Gustaff Tenggren, and collaboratively retold by Emma Gelders Stern and Barbara Lindsay, *King Arthur And The Knights Of The Round Table* is an informative and thoroughly entertaining retelling of the classic legends of King Arthur and Camelot for young adult readers. Filled with museum quality, stylized full-color artwork, *King Arthur And The Knights Of The Round Table* presents the whole course of King Arthur's life, and those of his allies and enemies, in skillfully narrated, straightforward prose immediately accessible to young people of intermediate reading skill and above. *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table* is enthusiastically recommended for personal, school, and community library Mythology & Folklore collections.

I think all kids 7 and up should read this book because it is a real history book. And they should read it because everybody should get a turn reading stuff they haven't read before. I would describe this book as a moral for listening to other people. This book was really sad because all the kings and queens died. I think there should never be wars. It was a really exciting book because I got to learn something.

My daughter and I who were not entirely familiar with the legend of King Arthur, enjoyed this book very much. Although it is a quick overview of Arthur's exploits as well as the adventures of the knights of the round table, it is nonetheless captivating. Easy to read and nicely illustrated.

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