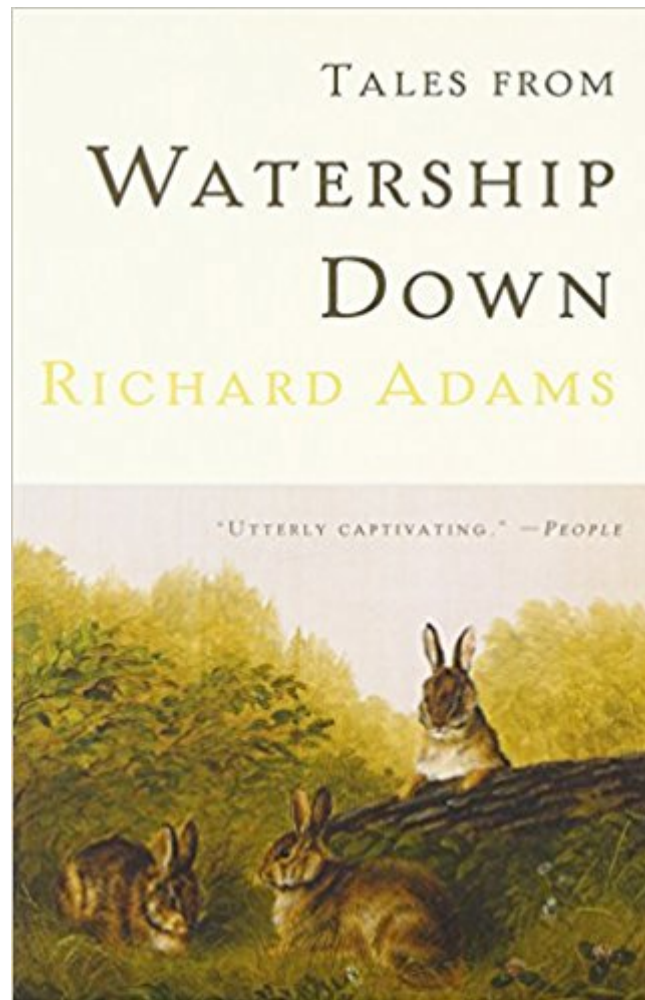




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Tales From Watership Down



Synopsis

Here is the enchanting sequel to the beloved classic *Watership Down*, which introduced millions of readers to an extraordinary world of rabbits—including Fiver, Hazel, Bigwig, Dandelion, and the legendary hero El-ahrairah. *Tales From Watership Down* returns to these unforgettable characters, and also presents new heroes as they struggle to survive the cruelties of nature and the shortsighted selfishness of humankind, embark on new adventures, and recount traditional stories of rabbit mythology, charming us once again with imagination, heart, and wonder. A spellbinding book of courage and survival, these tales are an exciting invitation to come home to a beloved world.

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Customer Reviews

The original *Watership Down* is one of those wonderful works that appeals to readers both young and old. The story of a group of rabbits on an adventure into unfamiliar yards, farms, and fields made for an imaginative, captivating journey. This latest work follows the aftermath of the original's climactic ending and includes the rabbits' retelling of various myths associated with their rabbit-hood, plus some new twists and developments. This is a captivating introduction to Adams's warren for first-time visitors, and those who loved the original *Watership Down* won't be disappointed. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As readers of *Watership Down* (1974) will recall, Adams reached classic heights of inspired storytelling in that fable of the animal kingdom, performing a finely calibrated juggling act between the real and the imagined. These 19 interrelated tales continue the adventures of the rabbits met in the earlier book, after their defeat of General Woundwart and the Efrafans. The deeds of the hero El-ahrairah are celebrated in the seven stories of Part One (of three). El-ahrairah's stalwart companion Rabscuttle joins him for four tales in Part Two, while the remaining stories, which are devoted to Hazel and his rabbits, have the continuity of a novel. Mystical, occasionally allegorical, full of whimsy, rich in vivid descriptions of the rabbits' society and of the natural world, the tales are often suspenseful, frequently amusing and invariably clever. The rabbits exhibit a wide range of behavior, showing themselves to be manipulative, defiant, ignorant and self-satisfied, along with noble, loving and brave. There is a brief summation of what happened in the initial passages of the first tale, but from there on, the book stands on its own. El-ahrairah's heroic exploits include his perilous journey to obtain a sense of smell for all rabbits and his search for eternal youth, while his adventures with Rabscuttle find them both leading another group of rabbits across a dangerous marsh as they attempt to evade an army of rapacious, savage rats. Eventually, a new warren is founded and various other ones reconfigure and recombine. The collection comes to a satisfying close by ending, as it began, with an account of the bold deeds of another heroic rabbit, formerly an enemy, now a valued member of the new warren. Illustrations not seen by PW. 200,000 first printing. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A mixed lot, nowhere near as good as the novel it follows. This book contains several different types of stories: the first few are tales of the mythic character "El Ahrairah" (the prince with a thousand enemies). But in *Watership Down*, the El Ahrairah stories are all humorous, telling how El Ahrairah used his brains, imagination, and sheer trickery to get the better of his enemies. In this book, El Ahrairah overcomes the challenges by sheer persistence, with no tricks (he pulls a minor deception on a badger, but nothing compared with the elaborate tricks he used in the mythic tales in *Watership Down*). Later stories are of life in *Watership Down* and newly-established nearby burrow. These are much better than the El Ahrairah stories, but still not up to *Watership Down*. Still, I would rate the later stories as well worth reading.

Since getting this book, I haven't been able to put it down. I loved the first *Watership Down* and this sequel book does not disappoint with the many rabbit tales

Great Book A+This is a great read for those who loved "Watership Down".It is great to read / visit the classic characters of "Watership Down".Clicking on the plot categories does not do it justice.

So enjoying these additional stories. So like the original book

a gift for grand children who enjoy this book

Follow Fiver and his companions as they make their mark on the rabbit universe. This is a book that you can read to your kids, like your parents read Swiss Family Robinson and Treasure Island to you.Don't miss it!

This book is best read immediately following the brilliant novel on which it is based, while you are still under it's spell. As a standalone book, it doesn't work that well. The fables organized in the first section of the book are particularly pointless on their own, though the stories in the latter part are more interesting.

In the middle of reading this wonderful book, my backpack (with the book in it) was taken from me. While in general an overwhelming situation, i was especially saddened that I couldn't escape into my book. I googled and found A NEW version of this vintage issue (at a very reasonable price) and ordered it on my way home. Although I chose standard shipping, I received the book in just a few days...and it is brand new condition. Enclosed was a nice personal note from this apparently new book store! I would order from them again, and highly recommend them to others.

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