



Smart Girls Forever

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Readers who enjoyed Leeson's **Smart Girls** will need little persuasion to move on to its sequel. This is a collection of six folk tales, each from a different country but united by their having as heroines young resourceful women who brook little opposition in their bid to secure a place for themselves in their various worlds. Leeson takes the original stories, invests them with a contemporary, colloquial idiom (particularly evident in his dialogue) and the result is an assortment of good-humoured and lively retellings. Watch out especially for the redoubtable Oonagh, who, in a story deriving from an original by the Irish novelist William Carleton, gives the dreaded Cucullin his come-uppance, thereby ensuring peace of mind for Fin, her long-suffering husband. There is a great deal to be enjoyed here, to which Axel Scheffler's comic drawings provide a pleasant bonus.

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