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Andersen's fairy tales were first published in Denmark in 1835. Immediately successful, they were translated into many languages. The author became rich and internationally famous, going on to write over 150 stories. Clark retells eight of these best-loved stories with masterly art. She creates striking visual images with great ease and the stories are wonderful for reading aloud. Her choice of language conjures up a magical, old story, but still bears relevance for the modern reader of today. Birmingham's illustrations are breathtaking. He has the ability to captivate great joy and wonder on a child's face, and the work in this book matches his best. There are many full page coloured pictures, beautifully executed, with pencil drawings on facing pages breaking up the text. This handsome edition will ensure that present and future generations will become familiar 'with and grow to love these classic tales. Highly recommended!

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