

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Dover Children's Evergreen Classics)

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Since it was first published in 1900, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* has enchanted readers of all ages with its lovable characters, gentle humor, and quiet wisdom. This complete and unabridged edition of L. Frank Baum's beloved classic invites a new generation of readers to travel down that Yellow Brick Road with the delightful little girl from Kansas and her unusual friends.

Dorothy, her little dog Toto, the Tin Woodman, Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion will charm boys and girls of today as much as they delighted children nearly a century ago as they set out on an exciting quest for the elusive Wizard of Oz. Along the way, they'll encounter the Wicked Witch of the West, the fantastic Winged Monkeys, the Queen of the Field Mice, the kind-hearted Munchkins, and other fanciful creatures.

Reset in large, clear type and accompanied by 42 of W. W. Denslow's original illustrations, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* is ready to whisk readers off once more on a marvelous flight of fancy.

For many of us, the adventures of Dorothy in Oz will forever be associated not with Judy Garland singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" but with W. W. Denslow's exceedingly odd line drawings for the original editions of Baum's Oz series. The Viennese artist Lisbeth Zwerger, however, goes a long way toward providing a new and refreshed set of images for the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and the humbug wizard. These illustrations are often cockeyed, with occasional realistic details thrown in, like a crow with a corncob in its beak in the first portrait of the Scarecrow. The characters have a poignance and oddity that escaped the makers of the Oz movie.

The Wizard of Oz is a beloved American classic. This edition, with fine illustrations from internationally acclaimed artist Lisbeth Zwerger, has been reformatted as a readaloud edition.

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The Tin Woodman of Oz. The Tin Woodman goes on a wild adventure in search of his long-lost love in this 1918 children's classic in the Oz series. In this magical tale from the author of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, fans of Dorothy Gale's adventure not only learn how the Tin Woodman came to be, but also follow him and his good friend the Scarecrow as he goes in search of his true love, a beautiful Munchkin girl named Nimmie Amee. As the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow, and a boy named Woot embark on their journey through the Land of Oz, they encounter inflatable loons, angry dragons, and a giantess who transforms them into animals for her own amusement. But their adventures take on new complications when they meet another suitor of Nimmie Amee—who was also transformed into a tin man by the Wicked Witch of the East. Now, if they ever do find Nimmie, which suitor will she choose?

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