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The Tales of Beedle the Bard

By J. K. Rowling

Children's High Level Group Arthur A. Levine Books, \$12.99, 107 pages

As the hype of *Harry Potter* books begins to settle down, along comes another book to get excited over. This time it isn't so much a Harry Potter book, but a collection of some of the tales that had been used to flavor text or provide back story in the final volume (*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*). Rowling originally hand wrote a couple as gifts, claiming that those few copies would be the only versions produced. One sold at auction to Amazon.com for almost \$4 million dollars, and the proceeds were donated to charity. With demand like that, a less (very less) expensive version could not be far off.

There are five stories in the book, fairly short, as is suitable for fairy tales. Each has commentary from Hogwarts Headmaster Albus Dumbledore that often equals the length of the story itself. Rowling did the many illustrations within, and while not spectacular, she's a writer, not an illustrator. The stories are cute, the commentary interesting if you are a die-hard Potter fan. Proceeds go to a charity promoting and protecting children's rights. One of the stories is in the old Grimm fairy tales style, possibly inappropriate for very young children (*The Warlock's Hairy Heart*).

Others are happier, or have a life lesson as the original often did. For Potter fans, it is probably a good addition to your bookshelf. If you aren't one, there isn't really anything for you.

