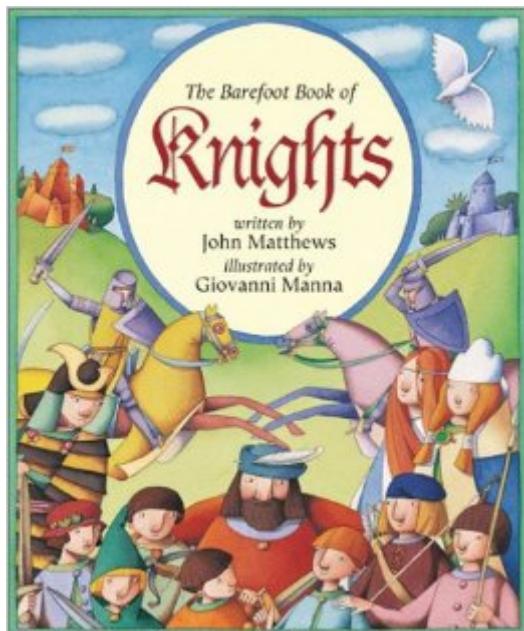


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# The Barefoot Book Of Knights



## **Synopsis**

Being a good knight is harder than it seems! Not only do you need a brave heart, a strong arm, and a keen eye, but you also need to know your weaknesses, cooperate with others and be undaunted by defeat. In this story-within-a-story we join young Tom of Warwick as he embarks on his noble adventure to become a knight. Tom is comforted by the legends of those who came before him as he learns the ways of knighthood under the guidance of Master William. Stories in this collection hail from Britain, Germany, Russia, Brittany, France, Japan and Persia. This edition comes with an audio CD read by Anthony Head. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Fancy a brave adventure filled with knights and chivalry? The Middle Ages might be over, but John Matthew's captivating tales might make you think otherwise. Coupled with actor Anthony Head's magnificent storytelling, and Giovanni Manna's delightful illustrations, these seven stories come alive! Children and adults alike will love to revisit this CD and paperback collection time and time again.

First of all, that review "From School Library Journal" has nothing to do with this book - I don't know what book it refers to, but it's irrelevant here. We all love the Barefoot Books - great way to expose your children to stories from a variety of cultures. The illustrations are lovely, and it is absolutely awesome to have a CD to go along with it. My boys love listening to all the knight adventures - and

so do I. I highly recommend this book.

I love this book! My kiddo is really into knights and castles, and I wanted to get him a nice book. All of the other children's books I could find on the topic were either too babyish or were just a rehash of the same old save the princess type of stories. Then, I came across this book - and it is fantastic! The stories were all new to me, and were well written. I also like how this book incorporates stories from all over the world. The read along cd is a nice addition as well.

Wow! My sons have loved this book. 7 knightly tales retold, in the context of a castle's Master Armorer teaching and instructing the young pages. Illustrations that remind me of Tomie dePaola's style -- cheerful, colorful, and stylized. This is fun to read out loud, it is a nice change of pace from fairy tales. It's really fun to get your kids to tell YOU these stories, especially the trickster tales. The stories are: The Knight of the Kitchen (UK) The Knight of the Swan (Germany) The Three Journeys of Ilya Murom (Russia) Perronik the Fool (Brittany) The Tale of Gushtap (Persia) Yogodayu and the Army of Bees (Japan) Sir Cliges and the Cherry Tree (France)

I bought this book for my knight-obsessed daughter and we both fell in love with it. The stories are powerful for children and adults alike. As an adult, I think of them often. Also, in between and around the knight tales is a story about the children listening to the tales -- these are young boys in training to be knights. This story-around-the-tales is really endearing and wonderful. The storyteller rewards the boys with these tales. The narrator is such a pleasure to listen to. His voice is absolutely perfect. I highly recommend this as a book to read to children, as a CD to listen to with children, or as a CD to play in the car or in a classroom. I have given this book and CD set several times as a gift, too. Outstanding!!

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