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The Little Duke (Living Book Press)



Synopsis

Eight-year-old Richard lives in the Castle of Bayeux where he is cared for by Lady Astrida, Eric, the baron of Centeville, and Osmond, her Grandson. When news comes that his father has been murdered during a peace conference Richard become the Duke. Taken hostage by a rival king and longing for his home country Richard learns some difficult lessons about leadership and kindness. But will he get the opportunity to use this knowledge or will his enemies prevail? The original chapters have been broken up to present the book in 24 readings, each approximately the same length to assist homeschooling parents with their scheduling. It also features the gorgeous illustrations from two previous printings to bring the story even more alive.

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Customer Reviews

English novelist and historian whose works helped proliferate the impact of the Oxford Movement. A prolific writer, Yonge has more than 125 volumes of fiction to her name. She also wrote national histories, religious treatises, and school books. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I'm reading this aloud to my 8 yo old daughter. It starts out a little slow. Don't let that discourage you, it does get better. About half way through she would beg for me to read "just one more chapter". It can be difficult to read because of the language also. I'm sure I butcher all the French names but luckily she doesn't know the difference. This would probably be a great listen as an audio book. I highly recommend it!

This was required reading for us when I was in fourth grade and I find that I enjoyed it even more this time around. It recreates medieval life through the eyes of a brave boy and describes the making of a true leader who, even as a child, impresses his father's followers as the true heir to the dukedom. Written many, many decades ago, The Little Duke is a literary recreation of historical events that far surpasses the grist churned out by today's "historical fiction" mill.

Very nice story and shows the transformation of the Little Duke to a knightly, gracious leader. Themes of forgiveness, loyalty, forbearance, not taking vengeance throughout. Yesterday's Classics is the best publisher!!

We purchased this book for our homeschool reading. We are enjoying going through the story. We started reading on the kindle, but we wanted to have our hands on the real thing.

Loved this book. At first it started out a bit slowly, and I didn't really know if I was going to like it, but the story evolves very quickly and hooks you. I liked the fact that there were great morals to learn from the way the Duke was treated, and the way he learned to rule fairly and kindly. I read this on kindle, but will be purchasing to keep for my grandsons.

I originally got this book assigned to me to read as simple reading schoolwork, but I found the book kept my attention. the adventure of a young orphaned duke sent as a peace-keeping hostage to France, ruled by the great Louis the Pious, and he is utterly ignored by everyone and rather despised by the eldest prince, Lothaire. he is utterly misersable. The book continues, but I must say that I found all the book slightly dull, but was still interesting in ways. Over all, it was not a #1 book, but good for research and for those who enjoy historic documentary reads.

We read this as part of our Middle Ages homeschool study and my boys and I LOVED it. My 9 year old would get really excited when he saw it was part of our day!

Good book to learn more about our British History but a bit monotonous at times. The kids acted it out while I was reading it to them . We took turns reading it and at some point they struggled with what was going on as they are ten and eight but overall, it was ok. Read it for AO curriculum.

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