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Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe



Synopsis

Many stories of Paul Bunyan, the giant woodsman, have been collected and published for adults. Now America's most famous legend is retold in real "Jack the Giant Killer" language for children. Seventeen of the most interesting and authentic stories of the mighty logger are here presented in such a way that children can understand and enjoy them. The author collected these yarns firsthand during several years in the logging camps of Washington and Idaho; and he has arranged them so that they tell the complete story of Paul Bunyan's amazing adventures in the North Woods. The author and publishers are proud to preserve for children these tales of America's best-loved legendary hero. Children of all ages will enjoy McCormick's tales of the adventures of Paul Bunyan, mythical giant lumberjack of the North Woods. A perpetual best-seller the country over, this book has sold more than one million copies in the various editions. Reading level 3.5.

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Customer Reviews

PAUL BUNYAN SWINGS HIS AXE by Dell McCormick is a 111 page hardcover book. The cover is noted for its sturdiness. The pages are made of thick paper, almost like thin cardboard. Inside the front cover is a 2-page spread, in green ink, showing a map of the United States. The map shows little images from various Paul Bunyan stories, e.g., an upside down mountain, Babe the blue ox, the giant pancake griddle, Paul Bunyan dragging his axe thereby creating the Grand Canyon, etc.

The book contains 22 black and white ink drawings. The drawings are all in a simple style, to some extent resembling the no-nonsense pen & ink drawings that were once used in newspaper advertisements for supermarket produce. There are 17 stories in this book, and 21 stories in another book by the same author, called, TALL TIMBER TALES MORE PAUL BUNYAN STORIES. At any rate, of the 17 stories, the second tells about Paul's discovery and rescue of Babe. The third discloses Paul's invention of the double bladed axe. The next story tells about a ten acre griddle pan, where cookhouse boys skated with bacon strapped on their feet in order to grease the pan. Another story tells how Johnny Inkslinger invented an eraser that only erased mistakes, and left accurate numbers intact. Further on into the book, we find a story disclosing how the fog in North Dakota was so thick that it confused the fish, and the fish swam out of the streams and through the fog, and that the fog was so thick that lumberjacks had to chop a tunnel through it. The 12th story tells how the heat in Arizona was so intense that the sacks of corn carried by Paul Bunyan's lumberjacks started to pop, and how everybody (except Paul) thought that the popcorn was snow, and that they all put on heavy coats to keep warm.

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