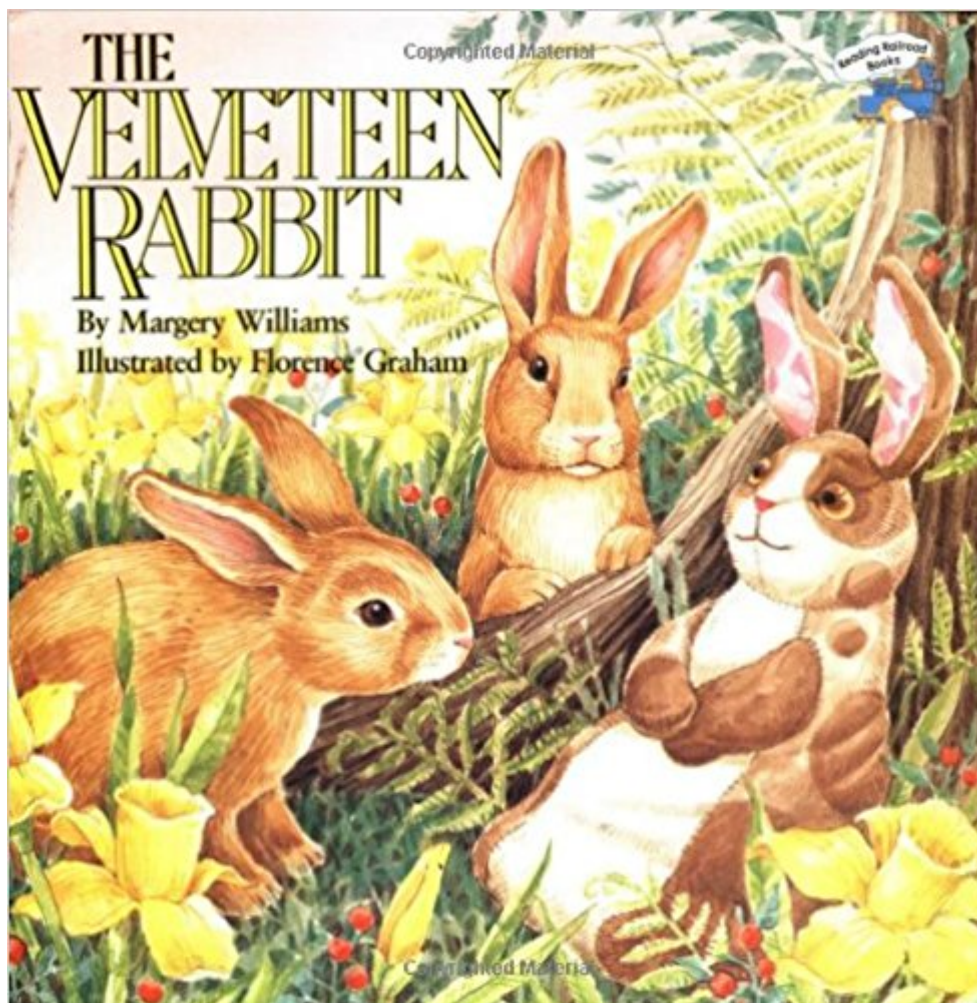


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# The Velveteen Rabbit: Or How Toys Become Real (Reading Railroad)



## Synopsis

A timeless classic about the magic of boundless love that's been treasured for generations! At first a brand-new toy, now a threadbare and discarded nursery relic, the velveteen rabbit is saved from peril by a magic fairy who whisks him away to the idyllic world of Rabbitland. There, he becomes "Real," a cherished childhood companion who will be loved for eternity. The timeless story of a toy rabbit that becomes real through the love of a child appears for the first time in an elegantly slipcased picture book and audio-cassette format. Cassette running time: 25 minutes.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

A stuffed toy rabbit (with real thread whiskers) comes to life in Margery Williams's timeless tale of the transformative power of love. Given as a Christmas gift to a young boy, the Velveteen Rabbit lives in the nursery with all of the other toys, waiting for the day when the Boy (as he is called) will choose him as a playmate. In time, the shy Rabbit befriends the tattered Skin Horse, the wisest resident of the nursery, who reveals the goal of all nursery toys: to be made "real" through the love of a human. "Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real." This sentimental classic--perfect for any child who's ever thought that maybe, just

maybe, his or her toys have feelings--has been charming children since its first publication in 1922. (A great read-aloud for all ages, but children ages 8 and up can read it on their own.) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Hague's warm paintings give a soft sheen to Williams's classic story. Ages 5-10. (May) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I pray that all ages read this most profound Book....Make sure you have tissues near by and I am not one to cry! After you read this Nursery Book, please read "The Velveteen Principles" where the author pulls out the 'hidden' wisdom in this delightful book, God bless, Charity and Grace

Once in a while I reread books that had made an impact on me upon first reading. Such was the case with *The Velveteen Rabbit*. The first time I read Margery Williams's work, I was taken by the magic of her words as she told the story of a stuffed velveteen rabbit who longed to be real. That feeling stayed with me for a long time. At each subsequent reading, the beauty of her prose didn't abate. The gentleness in the writing remained, and the premise that if you believe in something with great passion you can become your belief infused each reading with power and hope. I couldn't help but cry for the Velveteen Rabbit when he misses the boy who had made him Real, although only to the boy himself. The tear the stuffed rabbit sheds, however, grows into a magic fairy who fulfills the rabbit's ultimate dream, to be Real not only to the boy but to the world. In the end the Velveteen Rabbit becomes real to all of us, and we love him because he is the embodiment of our dreams becoming true. *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams is a masterpiece, a classic that will live on forever.

I loved this book as a child. We got the book again for a gift for my 4 year old daughter's friend. The art and the story is wonderful. We even want to frame some of the art in the book. It is a classic children's story to be loved by all

All I can do is send you my blog about it, for it was my daughter and son's favorite book..."Right From God!"...(out of the mouths of babes) My daughter, along with my two boys are much more than the word "interesting" could ever describe. The word "remarkable" would be more appropriate. Or "characters" comes to mind. As an example, one of so many, I will take you back to when I was a

single parent before I met my second son, Joshua, and my second wife, Tiffany. I was dirt poor, playing 6 nights a week in bars and my son Ian was 6 and my daughter Lauren was 3. We would walk Ian to 1st grade every morning, virtually around the corner from the s\*\*\*ty Apt. we inhabited on the second floor of a s\*\*\*ty building. It was s\*\*\*ty. The kids had a bunkbed set in the bedroom they shared and I had a mattress on the living room floor. Monday through Friday we would drop Ian off at school and Lauren and I would make our way back to the Apt. where we would both watch Sesame Street together, take a nap (I was always exhausted!) and then if time permitted, read her a story before we went to pick Ian up from school and have lunch. The kids always loved for me to read to them as much I loved my Mom reading to me. My Mother actually helped me through my first grade reader and inspired me to read Shakespeare at the age of 11 (of course she helped me through that as well). Both Ian and Lauren had their favorites as little kids, but the two they loved the most were Sesame Street's "The Monster At The End Of This Book" (I do a perfect Grover impression and we wore out 3 copies!) and "The Velveteen Rabbit", a classic. I would always give Lauren and Ian a choice as to what book they wanted me to read them out of the many children's books we owned. Lauren, more often than not, picked "The Veleteen Rabbit". This particular day after a long night for me (I didn't get back home from where I was playing in Hermosa Beach to relieve the babysitter until 4:15 am....all for a measly \$75....oh, how I don't miss those days!) I was reading Lauren "The Velveteen Rabbit" for the umpteenth time, when, at the end of the book she looked up at me and said "You know daddy, every one of us has love in our hearts!". It's enough to bring me to tears even now. I said "That's so true Lauren! Everyone of us DOES have love in our hearts!" Then she asked me something truly remarkable (she was a a few months older than 3 at the tme) she said (and I quote) "And daddy, do you know where that love comes from?" I said "Tell me where that love comes from, Lauren". She took her index finger, put it to the middle of my forehead where the "proverbial third eye" resides and said, "Right from God!!" and pushed on my forehead as she was saying it!!! I was stunned...I had no words. None. I do remember feeling all the blood drain out of my face! What does one say to such a thing coming out of a 3 year old's head?? Out of the mouth's of babes, indeed!! Lauren is now a grown woman and continues to stun me with her empathy, her voice and her natural songwriting and acting ability. She is a remarkable human being and I feel honored to be her father. And speaking of "The Velveteen Rabbit".....One day while talking with the Skin Horse, the Rabbit learns that a toy becomes real if its owner really and truly loves it. The Skin Horse makes the Velveteen Rabbit aware that "...once you are Real you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always." It's so true, and you helped make it so, Laur-Laur. You are my "Magic Fairy". We are all loved until real and I love you with all my furry heart!.....DadM. Lanning

10/9/11....Imagine.....thanks John.....

A charming story of how toys become real. A story about a rabbit who isn't much but a body, his little arms and a head. He realizes he's not like the other rabbits and inquires of the other animals what it will take him to become real. Much like any idea, when something is important, when something has established itself as important and assumes a deeper meaning - it becomes real. The rabbit of the story in question, despite his drawbacks and the taunts issued him by the other woodland creatures has high importance to someone. He helps his person through a very difficult time in his life, a near fatal time and is repaid, ingratuitously with a trip to the burn pile... The short end of the long, he's rescued and becomes what he longed to be - still, none the less real in terms of physical dimension ala space consumed, but living. A tale of despair, suffering, hope and ultimately transcendence. Full 5-stars.

I love the story, but I was not expecting the book to have glossy yellow pages. I've never seen a children's book with yellow printed pages before and honestly, I don't see why it should have them!

Horrible! I bought this for a gift and there is no way I will be giving it. The cover is ok and LOOKS like a REAL book. The inside is black and white copies of the pages and art. The binding looks like it was put together at an elementary school for kids writing.

I cannot believe how terrible this product is. This appears to be a bootleg copy. Pages appear to be photocopied. The pages were cut improperly and so the letters slant at an angle across the page. I could not believe it when I opened this up and found that letters are not even straight across the page!!! Never have I been more dissatisfied with a purchase through . This item needs to be removed from 's available products immediately.

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