Little Red Riding Hood

Retold and illustrated by Heroica Books



A gift from Heroica Books

heroicabooks.com

Little Red Riding Hood

Retold and illustrated by Heroica Books

Where does this story come from?

Charles Perrault published the tale in France in 1697. In 1812 the Brothers Grimm recorded the German version with a happy ending, in which a huntsman saves the girl and her grandmother. In this retelling for young children nobody gets eaten: Grandma hides in the wardrobe and a woodcutter scares the Wolf away.

What is the moral of the story?

Listen to the people who look after you, and don't trust strangers just because they seem nice.



What if the hero of the next story were your child?

With Heroica you create a book with a brand-new story, written for your child and illustrated with their face from a photo.

→ heroicabooks.com

Retold text and illustrations © 2026 Heroica Books. Free to read, print and share for non-commercial use.



Once upon a time there was a little girl whom everyone loved. Her grandmother had sewn her a red cape with a hood, and she loved it so much that she wore it every day. So everyone called her Little Red Riding Hood.

One day her mother packed a basket with bread, cake and a little jar of honey. "Take this to Grandma, she isn't feeling well. Stay on the path and don't stop to talk to strangers," she said.



Grandma lived on the other side of the forest. Halfway there, Little Red Riding Hood saw flowers so pretty that she stopped to pick some. That was when the Wolf appeared, very polite.

"Good morning, little girl. Where are you going with that basket?" "I'm taking cake to my grandma, who lives past the mill," she answered, suspecting nothing. "How lovely! Why not bring her some flowers too?" said the Wolf with a sly smile.



While Little Red Riding Hood chose the brightest flowers, the Wolf ran down a shortcut through the trees. He reached Grandma's cottage first and knocked. "Who is it?" "It's me, Little Red Riding Hood!" said the Wolf in a squeaky voice.

"Pull the string and the door will open," called Grandma. But when she saw the Wolf come in, she jumped out of bed and hid in the wardrobe as fast as she could.



The Wolf put on Grandma's nightcap and glasses, climbed into her bed and pulled the blanket up to his nose. Soon Little Red Riding Hood arrived and wondered why the door was open.

"Grandma, what big ears you have!" "All the better to hear you with." "Grandma, what big eyes you have!" "All the better to see you with." "And what a big mouth you have!" "All the better to eat you with!"



The Wolf leapt out of bed, and Little Red Riding Hood screamed so loudly that a woodcutter working nearby came running. When he opened the door with his axe on his shoulder, the Wolf got such a fright that he jumped out of the window and vanished into the forest.

Out of the wardrobe came Grandma, safe and sound, and gave her granddaughter a great big hug.



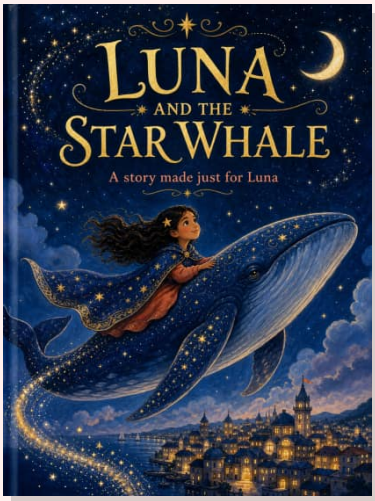
The three of them sat at the table and shared the cake, the honey and a cup of warm tea. Grandma soon felt much better. And they say the Wolf ran so far that he was never seen around there again.

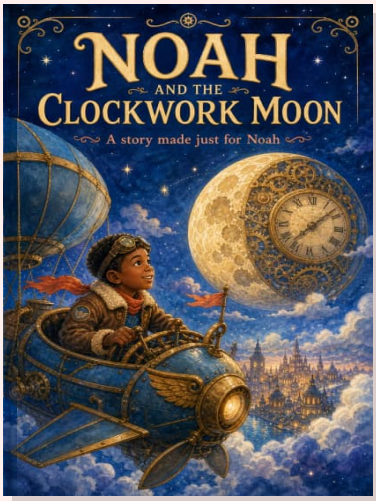
That day, Little Red Riding Hood learned a lesson she never forgot: stay on the path you agreed on, and never tell strangers your plans. The end.

NOW IT'S YOUR CHILD'S TURN

What if the hero of the next story were your child?

With Heroica you create a book with a brand-new story, written for your child and illustrated with their face from a photo.







- A story written for your child's age, from 2 to 12
- Illustrations with your child's face, from a photo
- Free preview with the cover and the text of the first page

Create the free preview

heroicabooks.com/en/create

No account, no card: you only pay if you like what you see.

Retold text and illustrations © 2026 Heroica Books. Free to read, print and share for non-commercial use.