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Where does this story come from?

The Italian writer Carlo Collodi published "The Adventures of Pinocchio" in instalments in a children's magazine from 1881, and the book came out in 1883. This retelling for young children sums up the main adventures and keeps details from the original, such as the flowered paper suit, the hat made of bread and the fairy with turquoise hair.

What is the moral of the story?

Telling the truth, keeping our promises and caring for those who love us is what makes us real people.



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Once upon a time there was an old woodcarver named Geppetto, who lived alone in a poor little house. One day he was given a very special piece of wood and decided to carve a puppet. As soon as he finished the nose, the puppet began to laugh and wave its arms!

"I'll call him Pinocchio," said Geppetto, delighted. He sold his own coat to buy a schoolbook and send Pinocchio to school, like any other boy.



On the way to school, Pinocchio heard music and saw a puppet theatre full of people. A little talking cricket warned him: "Go to school, Pinocchio!" But he sold his schoolbook to buy a ticket.

After the show, Pinocchio met a Fox and a Cat who were very sly. "If you bury your coins in the Field of Miracles, a money tree will grow," the two of them lied. And Pinocchio, without thinking, believed them.



Lost and without his coins, Pinocchio was helped by a fairy with turquoise hair. "Where are your coins?" she asked. "I… lost them!" lied Pinocchio. And his nose grew a hand’s length.

"And your schoolbook?" "It was stolen!" he lied again. His nose grew so long that a little bird landed on the tip. The fairy laughed: "Lies, Pinocchio, show up right in the middle of your face." Ashamed, he promised to change.



But soon along came Candlewick, a friend who didn’t like studying. "Let’s go to the Land of Toys! Nobody goes to school there, and it’s playtime all day long!" Pinocchio forgot his promise and went.

After many days of nothing but play, Pinocchio woke up with an itchy head. When he looked in the mirror, he saw two long donkey ears! Candlewick had them too. Frightened, Pinocchio cried, felt sorry and ran away to look for Geppetto.



Pinocchio learned that Geppetto had set out in a little boat to look for him at sea. Without a second thought, he jumped into the water to find him, and the donkey ears washed away. But a gigantic fish opened its mouth and swallowed Pinocchio whole!

Inside, in the dark, he saw the light of a candle. Sitting at a little table was Geppetto, who had been swallowed too! They hugged and cried for joy. When the fish fell asleep with its mouth open, Pinocchio carried Geppetto on his back and swam to the shore.



Geppetto was weak and ill. Pinocchio worked every day to buy food and medicine, and at night he studied by the light of an oil lamp. He never told another lie.

One night he dreamed of the fairy with turquoise hair, who told him: "You have a good heart, Pinocchio." When he woke up, he had become a real boy with rosy cheeks! In the corner, sitting on a chair, was the old wooden puppet. Geppetto hugged him, overjoyed. The end.

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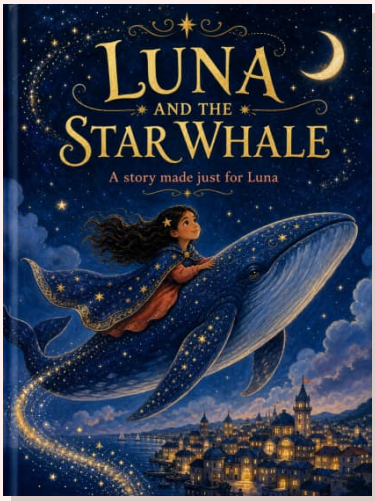

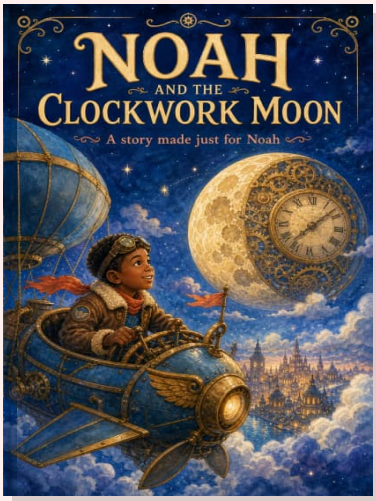



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