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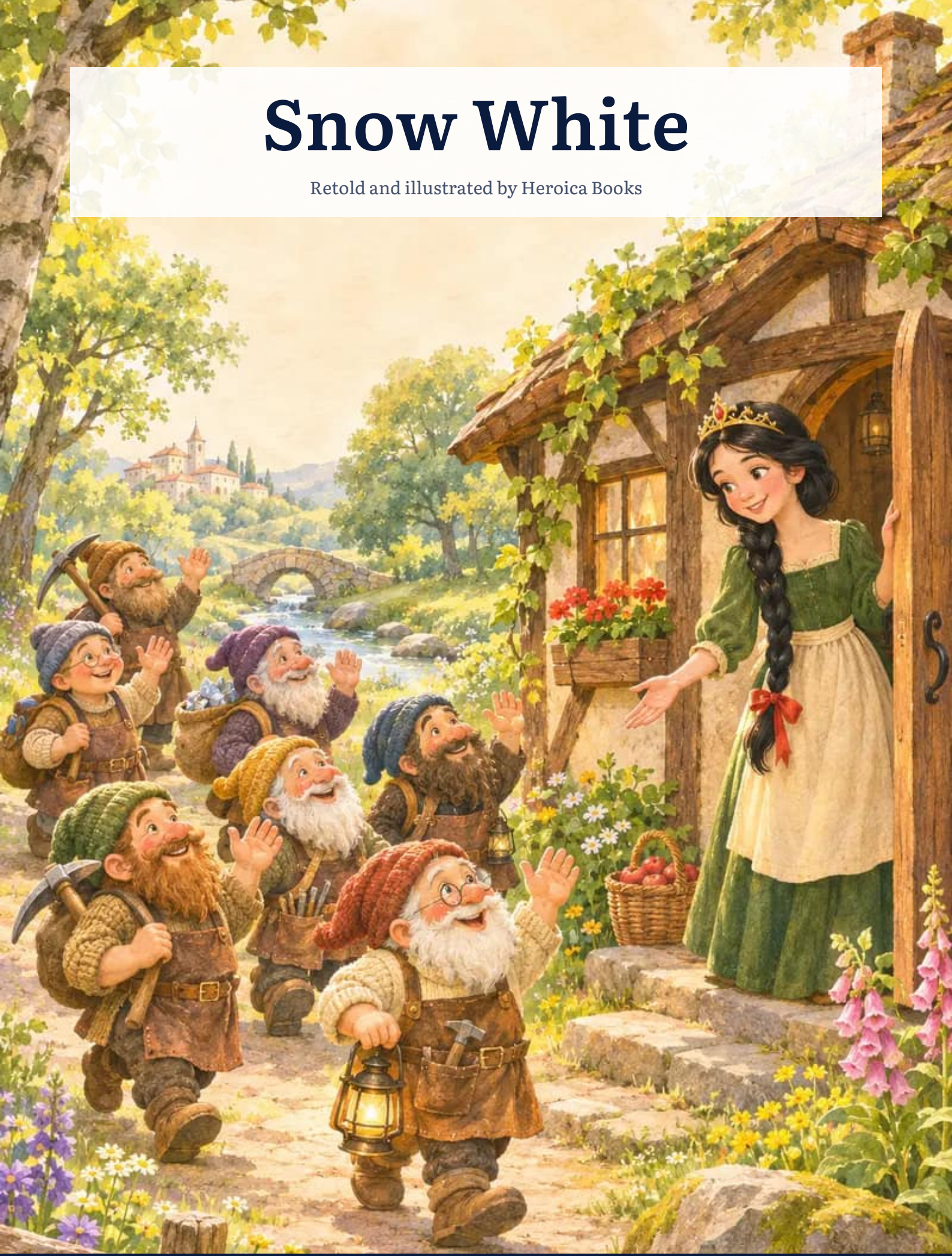

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## Where does this story come from?

The Brothers Grimm published "Snow White" in Germany in 1812, based on folk tales. In this retelling for young children, the apple brings an enchanted sleep, the princess rests on a bed of flowers and the queen simply runs away, with no frightening punishments.

## What is the moral of the story?

Kindness is worth far more than looks, and envy only hurts the one who feels it.




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Once upon a time there was a princess with skin as pale as snow, cheeks as rosy as apples and hair as black as the night. That is why she was called Snow White.

Her stepmother, the queen, lived in the castle too. She was very beautiful and very vain. She had a magic mirror, and every day she asked it: "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?" "You, my queen, are the fairest of all," the mirror answered.



Snow White grew up kind to everyone. Then one day the mirror answered: "You are fair, my queen, but Snow White is fairer still." The queen was furious and ordered a huntsman to take the princess deep into the forest and leave her there.

But the huntsman had a good heart. "Run, princess, and never come back to the castle," he said, lowering his bow. Snow White ran between the trees, and the deer and rabbits watched her kindly.



At nightfall she found a cottage where everything was tiny: seven little plates, seven little cups and seven little beds. Tired, she ate a bite from each plate and fell asleep across the beds.

The cottage belonged to seven dwarfs who worked in a mine. When they came home with their lanterns, they were very surprised. Snow White told them her story, and they said: "You can stay with us. But don’t open the door to anyone!"



Back at the castle, the mirror told the queen that Snow White was living with the seven dwarfs. So the queen disguised herself as an old fruit seller and went to the cottage with a shiny red apple, enchanted with a deep sleep.

"Have a taste, dear, it’s very sweet," she said through the window. Snow White thought the old woman was so friendly that she took a bite. At once she fell into a sleep from which no one could wake her.



The dwarfs were very sad. They made her a bed of moss and flowers in a forest clearing and took turns watching over her day and night.

One day, a prince travelling through the kingdom passed by the clearing. Charmed by the sleeping princess, he asked the dwarfs to let him take her to his castle, where doctors and wise men could help her.



As the dwarfs carried the flower bed, one of them tripped over a root. With the bump, the piece of enchanted apple popped out of Snow White’s mouth, and she opened her eyes. "Where am I?" she asked with a smile.

The dwarfs danced for joy. Snow White and the prince were married at a party where the seven friends were the guests of honour. And when the vain queen heard about it, she was so cross that she ran away from the kingdom and was never seen again. The end.

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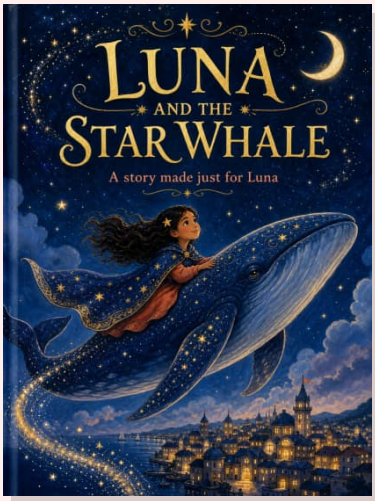


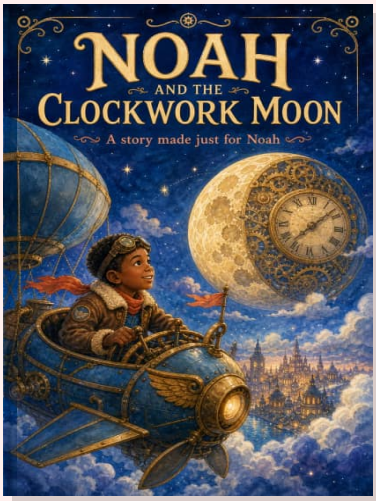





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