Mighty giants meet a down-to-earth boy in the 1972 Christopher Award-winning The Book of Giant Stories by David L. Harrison, illus. by Philippe Fix. In each of the three tales, the villains end up overshadowed by good sense and practical wisdom. Fix creates a forbidding landscape of craggy trees, fern-filled forests and darkened lairs. (; Oct.) Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information.

Children's Literature

Giants are a mysterious breed that almost always proves to be alluring to young readers. Whether good or bad, a giant is a character that cannot be overshadowed by any others in a story. In this book, three gentle stories about giants (each preceded by a limerick) are compiled to entertain children without churning up any feelings of fright. A little boy is the constant throughout each of the stories. In the first story, he tricks three giants who tried to trick him. In the second and third stories, he helps a giant with a problem. Colorful, detailed illustrations are included on each page. This is an excellent read-aloud. 2001 (orig. 1972), Boyds Mills Press, $17.95. Ages 4 to 8. Reviewer: Carol Lynch

A favorite that has passed on to the next generation

Posted July 5, 2009, 2:42 PM EST: I had this book as a child and loved the stories and the illustrations. I bought my son his own copy at age 7 and he loves it as well. I think these are good stories for both girls and boys and the stories are timeless. A great addition to any children's library!

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Posted December 13, 2003, 11:09 AM EST: My sons are 20 to 27 and when they were little this was one of their favorite books. The illustrations are captivating and the use of language is marvelous. I am now purchasing this for my nephew and hopefully his little sister will love it when she is old enough. Interest level for the book might be for ages from 4 to 11.