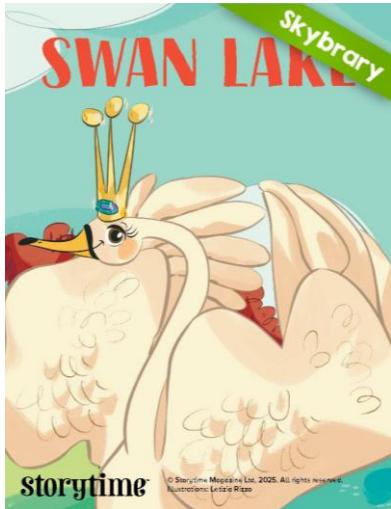


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Swan Lake

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Themes: Good vs. Evil, True Love, Breaking Curses

Book Brief: A magical retelling of the beloved ballet, Swan Lake, where a prince falls in love with a cursed swan princess and must break an evil sorcerer's spell!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever heard of a story where someone is under a magic spell? What happened to them?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Who does Prince Siegfried meet? What curse has been put on Princess Odette?
- Who is the villain in the story? What does the sorcerer Rothbart do?
- How does Prince Siegfried try to break the curse? What does he have to do?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What is the main problem in the story? How does Prince Siegfried's love help Princess Odette? What is the lesson or message of this story?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Act out the story with movements and dance. Pretend to be swans, the prince, or the sorcerer. Talk about how ballet tells stories through dance and music, just like Swan Lake has been performed for over 100 years.
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