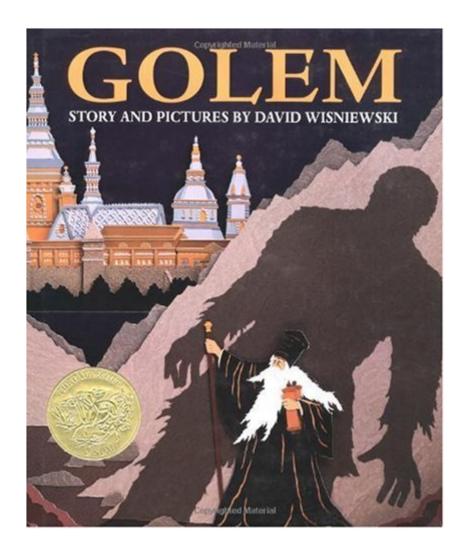


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Golem





Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The tale of the Golem of Prague was told me by my Bohemian grandmother when I was a little boy, so I was pleased to find Wisniewski's book. The cut-paper art is magnificent, giving an almost 3-D perspective to it. However, the story itself is a bit intense for those under 5. The golem, for those not familiar with the story, was a man made of clay to protect the Jews of Prague from anti-Semites. Eventually it grew out of control, and had to be destroyed. It therefore deals with some pretty adult themes: intolerance, violence, death. The deeper meanings of the story: that it is far better to be tolerant of others, that violence is not a good way to resolve disputes, and that we (like the Golem) will one day return to dust will probably be over the heads of the very young; the book does provide

an opportunity to discuss these themes with older children, however. It is a beautiful book, and the story is a good one - give its themes consideration before purchasing.

Gorgeous illustrations. Beautifully written sad and stirring story. Third of one of the few children's books I never tire of reading to my children.

It is a great book, just make sure you are prepared to discuss life, death and your beliefs when reading this book to your child. Also our son had nightmares afterwards about death... so may not have been ready.

I bought this book for myself for the beautiful paper-cut collage illustrations...and I wasn't disappointed! The artwork is AMAZING! The story may be a little scary for young children...make sure you read the description of the text.

One of my favorite renditions of a Jewish folktale. Well written and illustrated.

Beautifully written and illustrated.

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Super awesome. Kind of like the Jewish version of the Hulk.

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