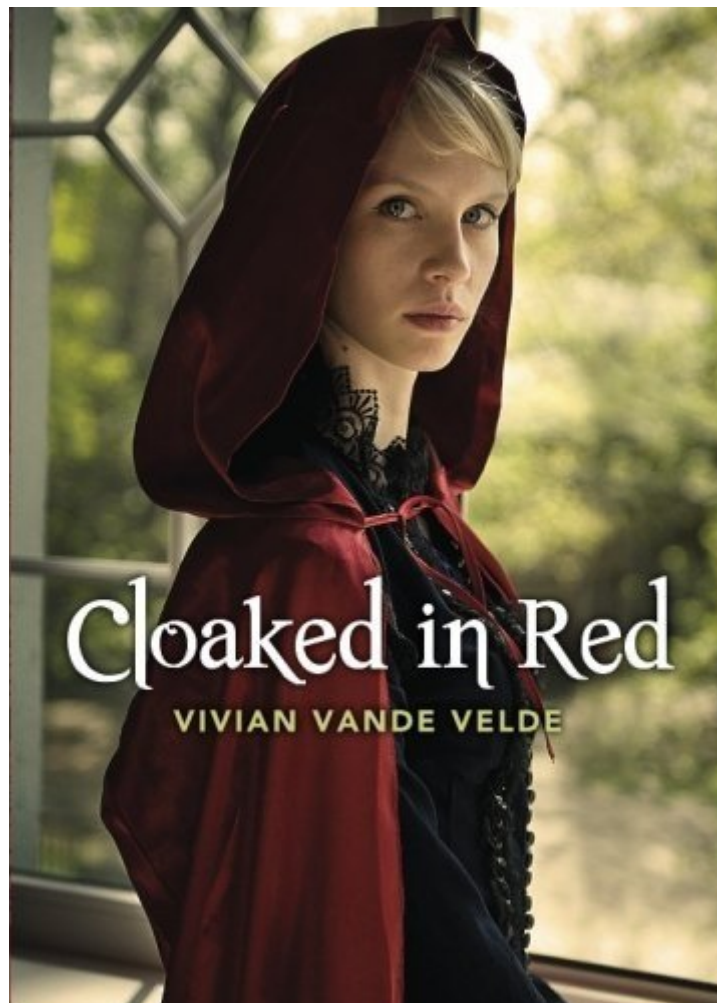


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# Cloaked In Red



## Synopsis

So you think you know the story of Little Red Riding Hood, the girl with the unfortunate name and the inability to tell the difference between her grandmother and a member of a different species? Well, then, try your hand at answering these questions: Which character (not including Little Red herself) is the most fashion challenged? Who (not including the wolf) is the scariest? Who (not including Granny) is the most easily scared? Who is the strangest (notice we're not "not including" anyone, because they're all a little off.)? Who (no fair saying "the author") has stuffing for brains? Master storyteller Vivian Vande Velde crafts eight new stories involving one of the world's most beloved (and mixed-up) characters in literature. You may never look at fairy tales in quite the same way again.

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## Customer Reviews

Have you ever sat and thought about just how little sense Little Red Riding Hood (and other fairy tales for that matter) makes? Well, apparently Vivian Vande Velde did and the result was Cloaked In Red. She starts out by outlining some of her problems with the original fairy tale and then she tells

eight short new versions of Little Red Riding Hood. They each focus on a different character (including one focused on the cloak itself). Hints of other fairy tales and even the Brothers Grimm pop up on occasion. Cloaked In Red is very short and is suitable for children or adults, though some of the humor would probably be lost on a younger child. I laughed a lot and just plain enjoyed reading this silly book.

Like with any short story collection some stories were better than others. I'll briefly talk about each story so don't read on if you don't want too many spoilers. -The Red Cloak- Interesting twist for the woodcutter to be bad. -The Red Riding Hood Doll- Very odd. It's the furthest from the original story. -Little Red Riding Hood's Family- The paranormal aspect could have been cool but I didn't like it very much. It felt too silly. -Granny and the Wolf- This was a bit funny. I enjoy those stories where there's too many secrets going on and you have to make sure people don't know about the other people. -Deems the Wood Gatherer- I loved how it had other fairy tales in it. I guess fairy tales all take place in the same woods. -Why Willy and His Brother Won't Ever Amount to Anything- Yet another story that twists the original tale quite a bit. The Grimm brothers were a fun addition. -The Little Red Headache- Yay this story has the wolf trying to be the good guy. -Little Red Riding Hood's Little Red Riding Hood- I liked that the red riding hood was a character in this story. It's pretty amusing to read about a hood trying to save the day. Of course, Little Red is oblivious to it all. The bottom line? Amusing. I'd like to read more books like this with other fairy tales. Rate this:

8 short stories that are variations of Little Red Riding Hood. Imaginative and thought provoking. I liked the fresh look of the story and how the villain is not always the wolf.

A bunch of cute stories depicting ways to make Little Red Riding Hood make sense. I have to say that I like the author's note in the beginning the best.

For me, Vivian Vande Velde, is always a great storyteller. I truly love all her books.

Wife likes it.

I always enjoy fairytale re-tellings. This wasn't anything special, but there were a few fun takes on Red Riding Hood and other tales.

My kids (10 and 12) and I thought the intro was the best, and we discuss which of the versions we like best. We got the audio with the book and enjoy listening when doing other activities.

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