

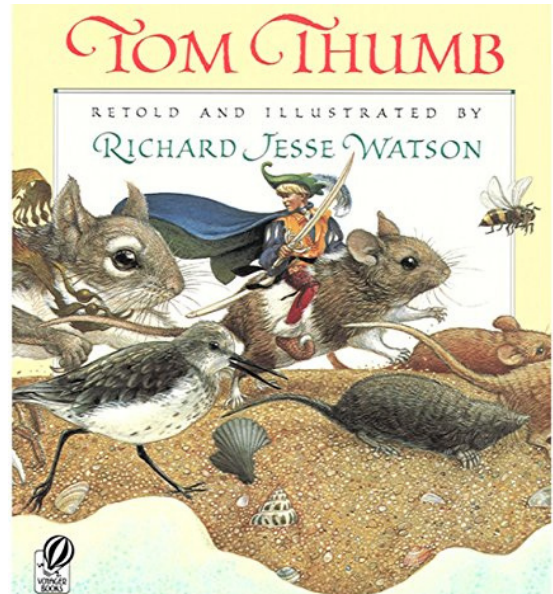


TOM THUMB

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SUMMARY

There once was a couple who lived in the woods and were kind to everyone. One day they feed a stranger who turns out to be a wizard, and asks them what they want. They've always wanted a son. What will happen when their son is no more than a few inches tall? What kind of life will he have?



Questions:

1. When you are kind to others, is it more likely they will be kind to you?
2. How would you feel if you were as tiny as Tom? Would things be harder? Easier? Would people treat you differently?
3. Would it be hard to be a parent if your kid was always getting into danger and trouble? How would you feel if your kid was in danger?
4. How do you think Tom felt when the raven picked him up? How about when it dropped him?
5. The giant has a seashell to keep him calm. Do you have anything you like to do when you get angry to keep yourself calm? Is it a good idea to have a way to help yourself? How do you think he felt when it broke?
6. How do you think Tom felt when they cut open the fish?
7. How do you think the cook felt about the dessert spilling? Why do you think he lied about Tom doing it on purpose?
8. What should you do if you upset someone on accident.? Apologize? Help them fix it? Tom has accidentally upset both the cook and the giant. Should he fix it?
9. Why does Tom try to help find the giant a new seashell? Why doesn't he just run away from the danger?
10. How do you think the giant felt to have a shell again?
11. How do you think the king and knights felt that the battle was over?
12. How do you think Tom felt to become a knight?
13. How do you think Tom's parents felt when he came home? Do you think they were happier to see him or to see all the money? What do you think made Tom feel happiest?