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Le Petit Prince



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Customer Reviews

I was given this book to read for a high school French class, and I'm so glad I did. (If you're by some fluke reading this, Coop, thanks so much for introducing me to "Le petit prince"!) It may be classified here as "children's" literature, but it's so much more. This is a beautiful, moving story of the little prince and his journeys through planets and on Earth. It contains some incredibly deep philosophy and will make you appreciate the simplicity and innocence of childhood... and make you want to regain that outlook on life. I know that I'm trying to see the world as a child again....Et si vous pouvez lire ce livre en français, c'est beaucoup plus beau. Le livre en anglais n'est pas mal, mais il n'y a pas l'élégance.

I do not read a lot of books. I have only read what was assigned to me throughout school and the occasional NY Times bestseller. A friend of mine gave me this book as a gift one day, she said I would enjoy it. She was right - I loved it. I didn't read it right away, but when I did I couldn't put it down. I am not an emotional person, or at least I never thought of myself as one, but this book made me look at myself and it broke my heart. I related with the character of the pilot and I felt as though the Little Prince was talking to me. The book helped me realize that I had forgotten a lot of things since childhood, like the meaning of friendship. The book also reminded me of what love really is. It made me realize what "grown-ups" really are, children who lost their innocence. The greatest thing about the book is that it is universal. Its message is simple: "love has no prejudices, never dies and always forgives." It is a children's story but it is something all adults should read. There are few books that can do what this "children's story" can do. It will make you laugh, break your heart and make you think about what really is important in your life.- Jeff

This book was one of my favorites as a child...it is surreal, sweet, and teaches a valuable lesson on love. The story of lost and rediscovered love is one of the most pure and true things ever written. In this, the French (original) language version, that purity seems even more clear. It was one of my first "real books" to translate as a young student of French, but it holds up to me as an adult, in both languages. Illustrated with lovely and simple pictures of the Prince and his rose, this French language book is a must for Francophones of all ages. The English translation edition is a must for everyone else!

After *Leonie et le Papillon dore* or *Leonie and the golden Butterfly* de Caroline Berteaux, I really enjoyed, *Le Petit Prince* is one of my most favourite book in French: Poetry and Philosophy in one book. This book is dedicated to all book lovers.

'Le petit prince' is a fabulous book that talks about a little prince that loves his planet and takes the advice of his flower which seems to him the most beautiful rose. But a fox that he meets teaches him the most important secret of all life: and that is that you see the real things with your heart and not your eyes, that your eyes only hide the true beauty of being alive. Just by looking at a person you can't tell who they are. You have to become friends and look with your heart to see what is really in front of you and what you are missing. The world would be a better place if people looked with their hearts and not their eyes; and by reading the little prince's story, 'Le petit prince' will you come to know this. It is a touching story that taught me a lot about this world. Read it.

I am just learning French. This CD reading of *Le Petit Prince* is engaging and helpful as I learn the cadence and sounds of the French language.

Le Petit Prince, published more than half a century ago, endures into the twenty-first century as a beautifully written children's novel and a powerful philosophic work that speaks volumes about love and friendship. Written by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry during World War II, *Le Petit Prince* was published as a children's story, but soon became recognized the world over as a profound introspective statement. By using the novel as a type of allegory, Saint-Exupéry was able to write a commentary on life as he had lived it. The novel takes readers on a fantastic journey through the universe that, by the end, will have even the most hardened soul in tears. The novel, although simply written, is not simple in style or in taste. Saint-Exupéry uses powerful metaphors, similes,

and analogies to address the very abstract themes of love and friendship. By personifying many of the personality traits that make up a true friend, Saint-Exupéry makes these complicated issues so simple that even a child could understand. This is, of course, what Saint-Exupéry had in mind all along. I loved *Le Petit Prince* and have read many of my favorites parts to members of my family and just about anyone else who will listen. That is the magic of this novel. Beautifully written and illustrated, it will have you coming back to relive the adventures of the little prince time and time again. Through the eyes of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, this often-troubling world becomes a universe filled with the possibilities of true friendship and lasting love.

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