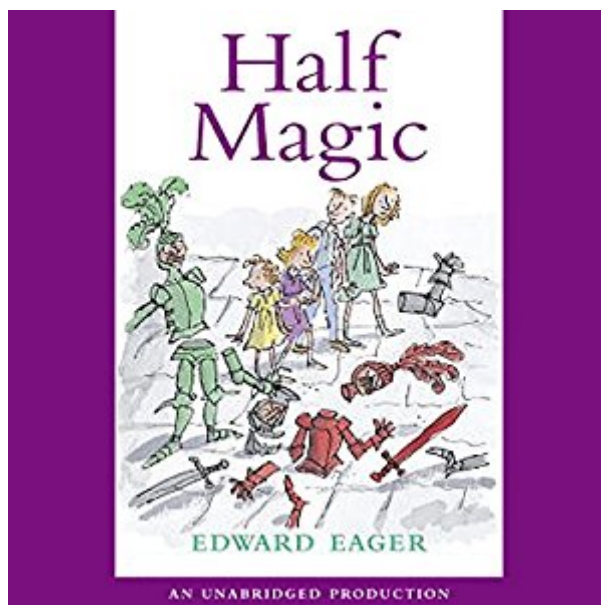


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# Half Magic



## Synopsis

Beloved by children (and the parents lucky enough to share it with them) since it was first published in 1954, *Half Magic* is the uproarious tale of four siblings who discover a charm that grants exactly half of whatever they wish for--with results that are twice as predictable (and hilarious) as you might expect. Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha manage to cope with an unexpected trip to the Sahara and nearly a disastrous trip to the time of King Arthur. But can these plucky and resourceful children deal with the changes magic is bringing to their tight-knit family? Set in Ohio in the late 1920s, yet fresh and funny now as the day it was written. *Half Magic* weaves its spell anew in this full cast recording that will entrance newcomers as well as fans who have loved this wonderful book for decades. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved this book as a child. It was the first long chapter-book I remember reading. Recently, I ordered it for one of my grandsons, 8 years old, and decided to re-read it. There is a timeless quality to the story, especially for a person who grew up in a family of four children, 3 girls and a boy. I was like Jane, the oldest. After reading the book, I re-read it at least twice more. I always kept my eyes on the sidewalk, just in case an ancient talisman might be shining in the sun. There is still magic in this book 50+ years after I first read it.

I read this book with my kids, my ten year old son and 8 year old daughter. It's a very fun and easy

read with adventure, magic, and humor. The heroes are 4 siblings, 3 girls and a boy, which helps to connect with boys and girls. My kids absolutely loved it, they would give it 5 stars. I personally would give it 3 or 3.5, hence the rating of 4. It was certainly a fine book and fun to read, I just didn't find it quite as clever and special as other books we've read such as *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. A warning to parents who are offended by violence. There is a scene in which 2 knights bascially butcher each other to death (only to be quickly reassembled by magic minutes later). It's a relatively bloodless scene given what actually happens, and I personally am not bothered by this sort of stuff in kids books nor are my kids. For example there is some gruesome and macabre action in *The Witches*. But it is worth noting and if you're bothered by that you may want to skip it or avoid the book. You could skip it - it comes soon after they meet Sir Launcelot - without missing the flow of the story. Note to publisher....the kindle for iPad version we read had quite a few typos in it...far more than I've ever seen in any format. There were sections we had to reread several times to decipher.

I loved this book as a child and have enjoyed reading it to my children as an adult. It's lighthearted, quirky and fun. It's written in a style that is engaging for toddlers, while being challenging enough for my 8 year old to both grasp and read. I'm looking forward to reading more by Edward Eager. It's a great intro to the fantastical - a genre I continue to enjoy to this day.

I've loved this book for over forty years. I read this many times when I was young, and it's a great book to share with children. It teaches subtle math, too!

When I was a kid, I loved Edward Eager's books. Now that my own "kid" is 21 and in college, I still love Edward Eager's books. So does he! It's been decades since I read *HALF MAGIC* for the first time and the story has stayed with me. Four children find a magic talisman and go on wonderful adventures. The concept is simple and the story captures you easily. There is no wizardry, no scary characters. Just real kids stumbling upon real magic and what happens to them. And on that note I will recommend another Eager book *SEVEN DAY MAGIC* which is based on that very premise. Please read these books. They are timeless and lovely.

I first read this when I was in the fourth grade. Having lost my father two years earlier, I longed to have a magic talisman to bring my father back close to me too. However, in the book I read when I was a child, there was a sketch of her father's spirit kneeling at her bedside. It spoke to me.

This book is absolutely fantastic. It's the story of four children who find a magic coin at the beginning of their summer vacation... except the coin only grants half of each wish, leading to a string of adventures that will make you feel like you're a kid on summer vacation with your three siblings, a slightly grumpy cat, and a magic coin.

One of my favourite childhood books.

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