



Chaucer's Canterbury Tales

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Walker. 1 Paperback(s), 2007. soft. Book Condition: New. Travel back to medieval England and join Geoffrey Chaucer's band of Canterbury pilgrims in this introduction to one of Britain's great literary treasuresone of Marcia Williams's puckish literary adaptations, illustrated with her abundantly detailed and hilarious cartoon panels for readers 7 to 12. The nine well-loved tales, told by a host of colorful characters—the Knight, the Miller, the Reeve, the Wife of Bath, the Summoner, the Clerk, the Franklin, the Pardoner, and the Nun's Priest—are brought to life through quotations from Chaucer and the characters' own commentary, while Williams provides running synopses to the stories. "Quotes in medieval English are featured in dialogue bubbles, while the stories themselves are told in clear modern prose with a poetic bent. For example, in 'The Wife of Bath's Tale,' the knight 'glimpsed a group of delightful damsels dancing in a glade.' As happens throughout the text, children are introduced to elevated vocabulary that captures the original intent of Chaucer's poetry, while elucidating the meaning of the unfamiliar words through the illustrations. Throughout, the juxtaposition of medieval and modern English adds to the comic feel. The watercolor-and-ink cartoon art displayed in a comic-book format is a...



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