



*For Alyn & Eleanor,
with love*

*Special thanks
to Jakob & Wilhelm
A.S.*

*For Jade & Eva
Happy adventuring!
B.D.*

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Gruff's Guide to **FAIRY TALE LAND**

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Dear Reader,

Once upon a time, when I was a kid, I went looking for greener pastures with my brothers. One day we met a particularly nasty troll, but because of my amazing quick thinking (and head-butting skills), we escaped and didn't end up in the troll's huge hairy belly.

Not many people know their way around Fairy Tale Land so I have written this Gruff Guide to make your visit happier, your life span longer, and me richer! In this book, you will find all the information you need to survive Fairy Tale Land and with a bit of luck, you might even make it back for another visit!

Happy head-butting,

Mr Billy G. Gruff



P.s. Ever since crossing the bridge, I've fallen in love with exploring, and I have travelled to many weird and wonderful places.

Look out for my other survival guides for young explorers!



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THIS WAY PLEASE!





GETTING THERE

Whatever you do, don't ask for directions to Fairy Tale Land, people will think you've gone mad. All you need is your favourite Fairy Tale and somewhere quiet to hide, preferably in a ring of toadstools but a wardrobe will do. Look at one of the pictures in your book. Really look, until you can smell the grass, hear the wind and feel the magic. Now, close your eyes, take a deep breath and make sure you're holding on to this guide book! Open your eyes, and your adventure begins...



Use the map at the back to avoid getting lost while you're in Fairy Tale Land!

EXPLORER'S SURVIVAL KIT

If you're going to Fairy Tale Land, you'll need the following items.



1. Ice-pack
2. Extra thick gloves
3. Brightly coloured tights (preferably ladder-proof)
4. Fire extinguisher
5. Clothes peg
6. Parachute
7. Bag of marshmallows
8. Sugar cubes
9. Hairpin
10. Bright-coloured bead necklace
11. Scissors
12. Book of Baby names



WHERE NOT TO STAY

Safe places to stay are rare, so book early. Cinderella's Palace Hotel has beautiful ballrooms and all beds are P.E.A. (see p46 for more information). Three Little Pigs holiday cottages are comfortable - Brick Cottage is safest. Snow White's Tea Rooms take guests, but the beds are rather small. (See map at back for all.) Even if these are booked, **DO NOT** stay at the following places:

GINGERBREAD GUEST HOUSE

The owner, Mrs I.B.A. Widge enjoys feeding her guests, but what she doesn't tell you is that you're next on the menu! The 'bedroom' locks on the outside, although it doesn't actually have a bed, and isn't so much a room as a cage. Also, the constant roaring fire in the oven makes the Guest House horribly hot.



SURVIVAL TIPS

- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE HAIRPIN IN YOUR SURVIVAL KIT TO HAND.
- USE THE HAIRPIN WHEN THE WITCH ASKS TO FEEL YOUR FINGER TO SEE IF YOU STILL NEED FATTENING UP OR IF YOU'RE READY TO BE EATEN. HANSEL USED A BONE, BUT A HAIRPIN WILL GET YOU MORE PUDDING!
- BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR SURVIVAL KIT FIRE EXTINGUISHER HANDY IN CASE YOU END UP BEING SHOVED TOWARDS A HOT OVEN. (THE FOAM ONES ARE BEST. AIM IT AT THE FIRE, THEN ENJOY AIMING IT AT THE WITCH!)

Remember not to stay here alone - you'll need someone to rescue you. A sister makes an ideal travelling companion.

TOWER HOTEL

As soon as you arrive, you will find yourself trapped on the top floor. The room has a view, but no door. For a real Fairy Tale Land experience, get Rapunzel's Hair Extensions first (see Ugly Sisters Beauty Salon, p23) and then arrange the services of a Prince (p30).

SURVIVAL TIPS

- ☛ BE WARNED EXTRA LONG HAIR WILL ALLOW PRINCES UP, BUT IT WON'T HELP YOU DOWN.
- ☛ YOU CAN GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP HERE BUT BE SURE TO PULL YOUR HAIR UP FIRST - ANYONE CAN CLIMB IN, NOT JUST PRINCES.
- ☛ KEEP YOUR SURVIVAL KIT SCISSORS HANDY IN CASE OF AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.
- ☛ WHEN YOU'VE HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, USE THE SURVIVAL KIT PARACHUTE TO ESCAPE AND DON'T RETURN. YOU MIGHT NOT BE SO LUCKY NEXT TIME!

*Let your hair down at Tower Hotel
(but be careful who you let up!)*

THREE BEARS B&B

Mr and Mrs Bear can be a bit grizzly, and if you put one foot out of line, you may end up being chased into the woods and never seen again.

The breakfast menu here is limited. Don't ask for cornflakes, and whatever you do, be polite about the porridge.



*Only one of the beds here is P.E.A.
(see p46 for more information).*

SURVIVAL TIP

- ☛ SNEAK SOME HONEY INTO THE BEARS' PORRIDGE AT BREAKFAST. IT MIGHT JUST SWEETEN THEM UP A LITTLE.

*It's best not to
be in bed when
the bears come
home...*

