



# Grandmother's Tales

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Fans of Celia Berridge will recognise her formula at once: the tried-and-true revamped into something fresh and oddly original. In this case she offers a visiting Grandma who tells stories that outclass treawts or even extra pocket-money...about a bully on a broomstick, about a china dog who survives burial alongside a dead goldfish, about a dynamic duo (Jack plus Mum) who get rich quick by climbing *down* a beanstalk. The starting-point, as always, is once upon *our* time - we get a single-parent family, a mixed-race hero, a backstreet witch and a gang of goblins who look uncannily like the sort of nastiness the family Hoover is supposed to beat as it sweeps as it cleans. All are presented without fuss or falsity. The words are brisk, the pictures chunkily deft in the familiar Berridge manner. 'If you found lots and lots of treasure, what would *you* do?' Grandma asks at the end. Any sensible five or six-year-old would instantly commission umpteen books like this.

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