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Robin Hobb revisits her Farseer world in the 10,000 word tale, “Words Like Coins,” featuring five new illustrations by Tom Kidd.

Mirrifen, a failed hedge-witch's apprentice who has married to find security finds that threatened by a severe drought and the appearance of a pregnant female pecksie.

From author post: ““Words Like Coins” is a Six Duchies story that was first published in the Subterranean anthology A Fantasy Medley. This lovely little volume featured stories by Kate Elliott, Kelley Armstrong, C.E. Murhphy and myself. It sold out in a heartbeat.

Since then, I've heard from a number of readers asking if there is any way to get a copy of the story. I am pleased to say that “Words Like Coins” is now available as a lovely e-book with literally fantastic illustrations by Tom Kidd.”

Words Like Coins Details

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From Reader Review Words Like Coins for online ebook

Stretch's Books says

An entertaining 65 pages. Nothing spectacular, or to write home about. Although the story is set in the Farseer universe there is nothing that ties the tails together . Good little 10-20 minute read, depending on how fast one reads.

Jenni says

Cute little short story that was unexpectedly positive for a Robin Hobb book. I enjoyed the twist on faeries and was pleasantly surprised by the ending. (usually she has to kill characters I like)

YouKneeK says

Words Like Coins is a short story set in the Six Duchies from Robin Hobb's books. In this story, we learn about the mysterious pecksies. Despite its setting, this actually stands alone perfectly fine and doesn't require any familiarity with Hobb's other work to be enjoyed.

I'm not normally too crazy for short stories, but I really enjoyed this one. It caught my interest from the beginning, and I was especially interested after the pecksies started to show up. From that point, I was reading somewhat anxiously to find out what would happen. One can never really be sure just what Hobb will do to her poor characters, so I felt a little more suspense than I might have otherwise.

Theresa says

1.5 of the 'Realms of the Elderlings' series.

A short story about kindness, keeping promises and watching what you say. It involves two peasant sister-in-laws and an injured pecksie.

Timothy Skilton says

This is a short story set in the Six Duchies world, but unrelated to the main tales. I'd love to see more of these.

Robert says

It's hard for me to enjoy short stories, but this one was a good read. I finished it in under an hour, but I was not disappointed by the price-to-time ratio. Great dialogue between the few characters.

Brandon Zarzyczny says

This was a really cool short story, although I wish that it had been a little longer. The concept here is really interesting, taking faeries and making something new from them, Piskies (or something like that). The idea of using words like Coins when talking to the creatures, and the consequences for mismanaging your money/words was really interesting. The story was too short to really establish any characters other than the main viewpoint character, and even she was inconsistent. She generally comes off as an intelligent, confident, strong woman, but her actions that were the impetus for the climax of the story were really goofy and seemingly out of character. Still, the result of it was entertaining and suspenseful, and I enjoyed the ending, even though their survival after the story ends was still in question depending of different factors out of their control. I really liked the illustrations that accompanied the story, as they are very well done and helped with my visualization of the faery like creatures. I will mention though, that this story is not apparently set in either of Robin Hobb's worlds from what I could tell (even though the description says that it is), something I didn't know before reading it. Still, I would recommend Words Like Coins, it's a quick, fun, interesting little read.

Dave Turner says

At 31 pages this 'novella' was a lot shorter than the 800-900 page outings I'm used to from the author and read very much like a short story from her recent collection 'The Inheritance'.

Set in the Six Duchies like many of her other stories from the Realm of the Elderlings, this story focuses on that perfect mix of magical fantasy and normal every-day. It might not be surprising to learn that thirty-one pages from a series which probably to date consists of ten or fifteen thousand isn't a defining story from the collection but a nice compliment to it nonetheless.

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Dawn says

A quick Hobb short story / novella. Nothing spectacular, but it was Hobb, so of course I had to read it. Honestly though.. There's not much to say about it. I got excited when I read the blurb saying it was set in the Farseer world.. Thought there might be some connections to long forgotten friends of mine.. But nope. It's in the world, but disconnected completely from Farseer characters, which I expected but still sort of hoped to be wrong. Anyway though.. 3 stars.

Claudia says

Lovely short story, not related to the events from *Realms of the Elderlings* but set in the same universe, with

a message as simple as this: “think twice before you open your mouth”.

It’s a story about pecksies – myth vs reality -, about kindness, mistakes, ignorance and forgiveness, warmly told in author’s unmistakable style.

“Words are like coins. To spend carefully, as they are needed only. Not to scatter like humans do.”

Sandrus says

Awesome short story.

Drizztl says

6.5/10

Carolyn F. says

I am reading this as part of the A Fantasy Medley anthology.

Misunderstandings between a almost-witch and a fae result in there being a misunderstanding that could be horrendous. Good story. 3-1/2 out of 5 stars.

Mehedi Sarwar says

A brilliant novella with weird creature, magic charms and a lot of wisdom. Robin Hobb is proving why she is so loved by her reader.

Amanda says

Of course I enjoyed it...Robin Hobb wrote it!
