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## **From Reader Review The Adventures of Robin Hood (Classic Starts™ Series) for online ebook**

### **Acton says**

I think this is a good book because it takes a long time to read which means you get to enjoy it for a long time and it has a lot of suspense. This book is sometimes funny. I knew the story of Robin Hood before reading this book, but I learned about how he became an outlaw. This is a great book. (Cash)

Hayes also read this book in September 2010 and gives it 5 stars.

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### **Muhab says**

I really like this book.

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### **Khaoi Mady says**

The Adventures of Robin Hood. John Burrows (2005). The Adventures of Robin Hood is a classic hero story. The book retells the story of Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men plundering from a rich and mean King to give to the poor. The book recounts many adventures from how Robin Hood meets Little John to his excellent archery skill. There is a story of how his archery skills are put on display when he is in disguise. There are also stories about his many run-ins with the bad Sheriff of Nottingham.

This is easy reading, and I recommend it for beginning readers who are transitioning to longer and a bit more wordy books. I would recommend this book to 3rd and 4th grade readers. The book breaks down the events of the hero in different shorts, so it is easy to follow and understand. I have read other stories about Robin Hood before and always thought that Maid Marian was a large part of the tales of Robin Hood. It was interesting that she was not mentioned in this book. I wonder if it was intentional because the author didn't want to complicate things for the target audience for the book.

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### **Kristen says**

Read this to my son, age 7, as bedtime stories. It was so good; we both really enjoyed it. So far, this has been our favorite of the Classic Starts Series. It really has made me want to read the original work. As soon as we finished, we followed up with viewings of the Walt Disney animated version and Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (my favorite movie in 1991). The latter was a bit too much for my son in some places (like all the scenes with the witch, and the torture), so we had to fast-forward through those parts, and much of the dialogue went over his head, but he enjoyed the adventure/fight scenes. My son was confused about who Maid Marian was though; she is not mentioned in this book at all, which surprised me. But it's fine because a boy of age 7 really doesn't want to hear of love interests anyway. All in all, this book was an enjoyable first introduction to the legend of Robin Hood for him.

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**Julisa says**

Very pared down but perfect to wet the appetite of my 6 year old.

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**Noah Perryman says**

One day Robin goes into Sherwood forrest and meets three men who underestimate him. They think he isn't very good at archery so they bet him to shoot a deer. Robin kills it but then the men realize it was one of the kings deer. One tried to turn him in but Robin got scared and killed him. Robin meets his right hand man, Little John on a bridge. They battle with wooden clubs and Little John easily wins. He does sly things like winning a golden arrow while in disguise and dresses as a butcher to convince the sheriff to eat in his territory in Sherwood. He also rescues people, helps a poor knight keep his house and even helps a man marry the love of his life. At the end, Robin makes peace with the new king, Richard and becomes one of his knights. This was a great book. Robin Hood is funny and actually a good guy.

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**Deanna says**

This was a great starting book for my 10-year old daughter—we read it together, and took turns reading it aloud. Classic Starts not only provided a great start to these fun, witty, smart Adventures of Robin Hood, it also opened the window to the world of great literature while my daughter practiced the skills of reading aloud, analyzing the story and increasing her reading proficiency. I am very pleased with the storytelling, it stayed true to the tales I know with solid writing. A good example of brining literature to levels of reading that struggle without sacrificing language and sentence structure—it wasn't "dumbed down".

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**Deborah Pickstone says**

Abridged from the Howard Pyle original, I bought this for my nephew in the hopes that it will stir the same interest the legends have always had on me. So of course I had to read it!

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**Alyssa Kelley says**

The Classic Starts version of The Adventures of Robin Hood was an interesting read. It is a chapter book, whose titles may help struggling readers with re-reading skills, re-telling skills, and more. This classic was easy to read and kept my attention. What I appreciated the most out of this story was that those who are familiar with the tales of Robin Hood, consider him to be a hero. This book, however, paints him and his band of merry men as heroes with flaws. These men do not always do the right thing, but they acknowledge that and try to right the wrongs that they see. It is honest and you pull for Robin Hood and his men. I was most drawn to the end of the story, where Robin Hood and his men are asked by King Richard to join his service. The readers witness the biggest outlaws in the land become the highest and most powerful law-

enforcing men. I would recommend this book to others.

In the classroom, I could use this book in a traditional tales lesson or do a character study on Robin Hood.

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### **Crystal Ellyson says**

I really liked this book. This is a very good telling of Robin Hood.

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### **Amy says**

Read in conjunction with Story of the World, Vol. II.

We read about 2/3 of this before deciding we "got the point." The stories were heavy on fight first/ask questions later then recruit a member of the band. (And my daughter isn't really "in" to this type of action.) I was interested to note that it was not at all clear that he and his band "robbed from the rich to give to the poor" which is about the only thing I knew about Robin Hood besides green/bows/arrows. He was definitely robbing from the rich/mean and he helped out at least down-trodden guy but not really with money. So - maybe that is just a Disney version?? I haven't read the original so I can't comment on the quality of the abridgement but I thought the writing style worked well for an early chapter book or a read aloud.

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### **Cadie Sommer says**

The students loved this book. It was a lot of fun and the students appreciated the knightly codes.

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### **Garrett says**

The book The adventures of Robin Hood by John Burrows tells the story Of robin hood signing up for a bow an arrow contest. My favorite part of the book was when adam showed every body up like he was a good archery man or something. But the first time he did the archery thing the arrow split in half and I thought that was like the second best part of the book because that is funny. I would recommend to somebody you is little and who likes bows. This book was little easy for me because I read it so fast. Overall I thought this book was a good but little to short for middle schoolers.

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### **Clayton Maxwell says**

The book "The Adventures of Robin Hood" by John Burrows is a book about Robin Hood and his adventures. Robin Hood is an outlaw of the Sherwood Forest who takes money from whoever passes the bridge that they are near. He is a ruthless outlaw who takes money from the rich, middle class, and even the poor. Due to his sneakiness, he never gets caught.

In my opinion, this was one of the best stories I have ever read. It is a pretty easy book, it is incredibly detailed, and the events in the book are very entertaining. I wouldn't change anything in the book.

This book is a great book, and I would recommend it to middle schoolers. It talks about murder and fighting, so that could be inappropriate to young readers.

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### **Liam O'BRIEN says**

Robin Hood was a fantastic book. I loved it so much I would recommend it to anyone that loves a good adventure book. I don't think that there was anything wrong with this book except for, a little lack of action. A great book and I loved it.

The story line was about an outlaw that steals money and goods from the wealthy people that go through the Sherwood Forest, outside of the city of Nottingham, to give to the poor. The famous folk hero of course had a nemesis, no one ever remembers his name probably because he is always mentioned as The Sheriff Of Nottingham.

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