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This, along with *The Tale of Miss Moppet*, was intended for very young children. It is a simple tale of what befalls a rude little rabbit that doesn't say 'please' before he takes something that belongs to someone else.

The Story of A Fierce Bad Rabbit is number 20 in Beatrix Potter's series of 23 little books, the titles of which are as follows:

- 1 The Tale of Peter Rabbit
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- 3 The Tailor of Gloucester
- 4 The Tale of Benjamin Bunny
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- 6 The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle
- 7 The Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher
- 8 The Tale of Tom Kitten
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- 10 The Tale of the Flospy Bunnies
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- 12 The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes
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Octavia Cade says

I'm don't think I've ever come across a modern picture book where the moral thesis is so bluntly and apologetically stated. Steal a carrot, GET SHOT. Of course, Potter's illustrations leave off the blood trail as the Fierce Bad *Mutilated* Rabbit gets away, but it's very prettily drawn for all that (perhaps because of all that), if rather thin on storyline.

Karen says

All of Beatrix Potter's books have a slightly disturbing quality to them, but I think this one takes the prize. Incredibly short and also grim. There is a bad little rabbit and because he is bad his tail and whiskers get shot off by a hunter. Yikes!

Amara says

Lol, a bit brutal with an abrupt ending. Doesn't teach much except that you might get your tail shot off if you steal carrots and don't say please.

Virma says

Funny and cute! He got is just desserts!

Gerry says

Although the title informs us that this is a story of a fierce bad rabbit, there are actually two rabbits in the tale. One is the eponymous villain of the title and the other is 'a nice gentle rabbit'.

The latter is quietly eating his carrot when FBR comes along and decides that he wants some carrot. He doesn't ask, he simply steals it and scratches NGR along the way. NGR creeps away and hides in a hole.

However, the story takes a decided turn when a when a man with a gun appears and sees something sitting on a bench. Thinking it a bird the man creeps up and shoots. The reader fears the worse but it turns out that the rabbit just escapes ... but minus tail and whiskers. The good rabbit creeps out of his hiding place to resume his happy life.

Andrew “The Weirdling” Glos says

This 1906 book by Ms. Potter is meant for the youngest of her readers. It is a taste for the very young of the delightful world of Peter Rabbit, which has only become better with time by becoming quaint.

The plot is a straightforward morality tale at its barest of bones. There is a good bunny and a bad bunny. The bad bunny steals the carrot being enjoyed by the good bunny and scratches him. Eating his stolen carrot, the bad bunny is shot by an hunter and loses his tail and feast both. The moral: don't be mean and steal, or bad things will happen to you.

This tale probably was better received in 1906. Today, in a world shaped by adored animal protagonists and devoid of engagement with the actual countryside, it comes off as a little unnecessarily harsh to the bad rabbit. Furthermore, the plot is so barebones, it comes off as painfully trite.

This is my least favorite book of the Beatrix Potter works. Three stars is worst she can possibly do, and that says quite a lot about how excellent she usually is.

Isabella Lierman says

The Story of A Fierce Bad Rabbit. A bad rabbit goes up to another rabbit sitting on a bench and takes his carrot. The other rabbit leaves and a hunter sees the bad rabbit from afar. He thinks the bad rabbit is a bird and shoots at it. The bad rabbit loses his whiskers and tail. This story is almost a story about karma. The idea that what goes around comes around. This story, while beautifully illustrated with great watercolors, had some logical holes in it that I think even a child would not miss. The main point is, how can a hunter shoot both the tail and the whiskers off a bunny in one shot? The are on opposite sides and ends of the bunny. I also fail to see how children will enjoy or gain a lot from this story because a bunny gets shot at and it is overly didactic for such a short story. The only redeeming quality I found in this book were its beautiful illustrations.

Kimberley doruyter says

guess that's what you get for being mean.

Binibining `E (of The Ugly Writers) says

You bad and bully rabbit! Good for you. bleh!!

Kathy Smuz says

This cracks me up every time I read it. So exactly what ARE savage whiskers?! There are probably moms who are horrified at the rather dark tone of this moralistic little gem, but you have to remember it was written

in the late 1800s when good and bad were clearly defined and each had its blissful rewards or nasty consequences. No gray areas. Oh, the bad rabbit, he steals the carrot from the good little bunny and makes him cry. Then you turn the page and read the stark line: "Here is a hunter with a gun." At that point I lose it and begin to laugh hysterically. Gotta love the "draw your own conclusion" inference!

Calista says

Another story by Beatrix I wasn't expecting. This story is for the very young. The nephew is 3 and he enjoyed it. It's short and the artwork holds up. This is a simple story about the consequences of what happens when you act bad. Good vs evil, the most basic theme of all time. This takes about 5 minutes to read - very quick.

Indah Threez Lestari says

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Sherie says

My very favorite B. Potter book. What a sense of humor! What a morality tale. Do everyone's eyebrows slide to the moon when they come to the page that says, "Here is a man with a gun."? I laughed and showed it to every one I knew. Apparently it is not one of her better known tales, but after everything else she's written, it remains my favorite.

Mimi says

I thought this author's biographical note was interesting: " *The Story of a Fierce Bad Rabbit* had been written especially for editor Harold Warne's little daughter, Louie, who had told Beatrix that Peter was too good a rabbit, and she wanted a story about a *really* naughty one!" That made me smile.

I thought Jill would be frightened by the hunter with his gun shooting at the rabbit. But again I proved to be more sensitive than my daughter, or perhaps she just doesn't realize the implications of hunting yet. Either way, she enjoyed the tale (and the missing tail!).

Sonia Critchlow says

A very quick little bed time read indeed. As soon as you've started, you've finished it.

J. Boo says

[DS#1 (age 5) identifies with the man with the gun who shoots at the titular Fierce Bad

Jennifer B. says

I can see the humor here, but it's not one of my favourites.

Anna says

The hunter with the gun hunting rabbits and birds is kind of sad, but I do like that the mean rabbit gets what's coming to him for being a dick to the sweet rabbit. Not all Beatrix Potter villains receive their comeuppance, but the Fierce Bad Rabbit sure does.

Lynn Davidson says

Beatrix Potter's illustrations are marvellous.

In this story she tells of Peter Rabbit who is quietly nibbling on a carrot when a "fierce bad rabbit" comes along and meanly takes the carrot, hurting the gentle rabbit. A hunter approaches and the mean rabbit gets a very bad scare.

Cute story, no killing, but a funny ending for children to enjoy.

Elizabeth (Miss Eliza) says

Um... I totally forgot how randomly violent Beatrix Potter is. Don't be a bad rabbit, or your tail and whiskers will be shot off... at least there wasn't any blood.
