

Swan Lake

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The Beautiful Princess

On the morning of the Royal Ball everybody was very busy in the palace. The Queen's maids were preparing the Queen's dress. The servants cleaned the floors and windows, and the cooks were cooking enough food for a thousand people.

The Prince looked handsome in his red outfit. But he was still not happy. He left the palace to be alone and think and went to the stone statue of Ozlowe.

"It's my birthday today, Ozlowe. I'm eighteen. That means that I must marry someone and become King. The problem is I don't want to get married; I don't love anyone."

There was a quiet splashing in the lake. Zigfried looked and saw the beautiful swan with the gold crown.

"There it is! The beautiful swan has come back."

He went closer to the water to look at it. Its eyes had the same sadness in them, but it was happy to see Zigfried, and it swam close to him. Zigfried looked into its eyes and talked to it.

"I think you understand me. I think you know how people feel."

A tear fell from the swan's eye.

"Don't cry. You should be happy that you are a swan. You will never have to marry someone you do not love. You will never feel sad when someone dies."

The swan made a loud cry. Its wings moved back and forth at its sides. Suddenly an owl appeared, as if from nowhere, and

flew at Zigfried's head—but it missed. The owl flew off, and the swan began to swim away.

“Wait, don't leave!”

Zigfried ran round the edge of the lake, following the swan. He had to run fast to see where it went. Soon he was in a part of the forest he did not know. Tall trees blocked out the sun. It was very dark.

The swan swam to an ugly old castle. When it left the water, something magical happened—the swan turned into a beautiful princess. She had long blonde hair, and she wore a long white dress. The crown was still on her head. Zigfried ran to where she stood at the castle door.

“Wait! Where are you going?”

The Princess stopped, but she did not look at him.

“Look at me, please. My name is Prince Zigfried, and I want to know who you are.”

The Princess turned to look at the Prince. She had the same dark sad eyes of the swan.

“My name is Princess Odile.”

“But why were you a swan? Why do you look so sad?”

“An evil wizard called Rocford cast a spell on me. I may only leave the castle during the day as a swan.”

“Where is this wizard? I will talk to him. I will tell him this is wrong.”

“No, you mustn't! He will hurt you, I know! He does not want me to see another man.”

“Tell me where this man is! I will fight him and free you!”

“No, you must leave! He is dangerous!”

“I won't leave until I see him! You must be set free!”

“Please ... you are very kind, but you *must* go away!”





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- *Is there anything that can make sad Prince Ziegfried happy again?*
- *Why is he so attracted to the beautiful white swan with the gold crown?*
- *Will he find his bride among all these Princesses his mother invited to the Royal Ball?*
- *How much harm can evil Rocford and his daughter do?*
- *Will love be the winner once again?*

COMPONENTS:

◆ **Reader**

◆ **Activity Book**

◆ **Teacher's Book**

◆ **Audio CD**



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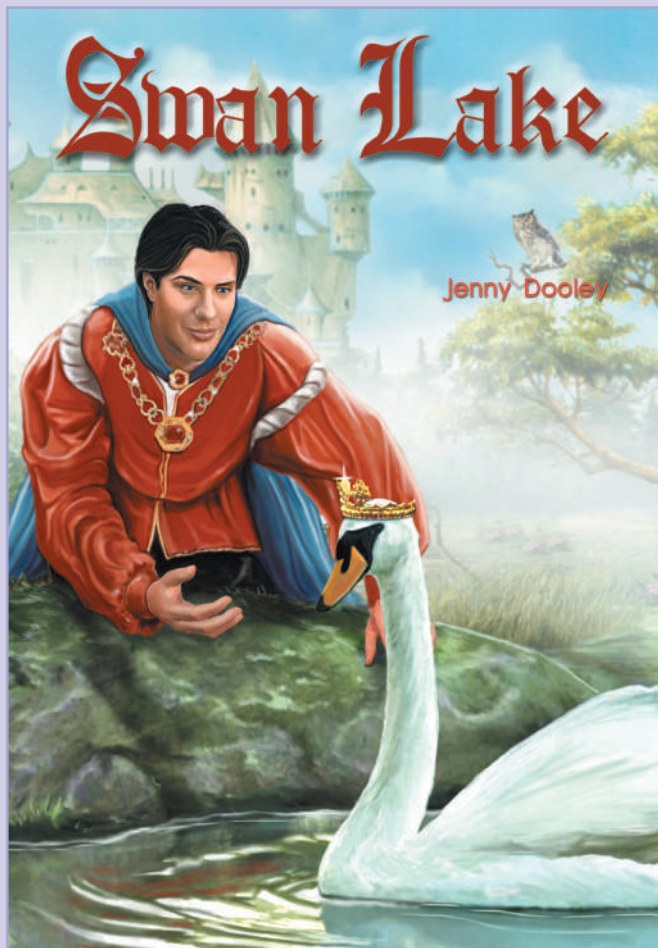


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Activity Book



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Odile Escapes

I. Listening



Listen to the recording and circle the correct answer.

- 1 Odile's window was high above
A a garden B a road C a river
- 2 Odile 'flew' to
A the forest B the palace C the lake
- 3 How many candles were on the cake?
A eighty B eighteen C eight
- 4 What has the Wizard prepared for Odile?
A a cake B a cage C a ball
- 5 What does the Wizard leave the castle as?
A a young man B an owl C himself

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 What would happen if Princess Odile tried to escape?
- 2 Why did Odile set Patrice free?
- 3 What happened when Odile closed her eyes?
- 4 How had Odile set herself free?
- 5 What did the Wizard decide to do for Odile?
- 6 Who did the Wizard change himself into?
- 7 What did the Wizard do when he found the room empty?
- 8 How did he get out of the castle?

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 What do you think will happen when the Wizard goes to the palace?
- 2 The bird was kept in a cage. Is it cruel to keep animals in cages?
- 3 What's the nicest surprise you've ever had?
- 4 Do you know the names of any dances?

IV. Activities

A Match the creatures in box A to their sounds in box B.

1	A bird	A
2	A dog	
3	A cow	
4	A cockerel	
5	A sheep	
6	An owl	
7	A cat	
8	A pig	

a	chirps	B
b	hoots	
c	barks	
d	bleats	
e	crows	
f	grunts	
g	moos	
h	miaows	

1

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B *Memory Game*

Student 1 begins by saying:

"Last night I went to a ball and I met (a famous person)."

Student 2 continues by adding one name to the list.

"Last night I went to a ball and I met and"

The game continues round the class. A student is out if he/she can't remember all the names.

Vocabulary Exercises



I. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the box.

bars chirping empty moon become

- 1 Can you buy some more Coke? This bottle's
- 2 There are on the window of the prison.
- 3 I woke up to the of the birds.
- 4 Ron is hoping to a teacher when he finishes university.
- 5 You can only see the at night.

II. Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition from the box.

on into out over in

- 1 Do you believe Father Christmas?
- 2 The little boy fell the swimming pool.
- 3 Look! There's a plane flying our house!
- 4 Someone is knocking the door.
- 5 We're locked in! We can't get



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