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Abstract for “These are the Stories No One Knows”

This collection of poetry uses the perspectives of sidekicks and villains to create different stories and to provide a deeper connection with these often overlooked characters. The narrators of these poems are Maleficent the evil queen in Sleeping Beauty, Grumpy one of the seven dwarfs, Falada the horse of the Goose Girl, and the fairy godmother from Cinderella who becomes the evil queen from Snow White. Through poetry these characters are allowed to share their deeper feelings surrounding the heroes that are familiar to us and to also show their unique personalities. These characters also reveal their inner thoughts on some of the most crucial events in the fairy tales as well as the transformations that they experience. The poems also feature a narrator who like the narrators in the classics provides an overview of fairy tales in general but exudes a unique voice seemingly for the fairy tales themselves.