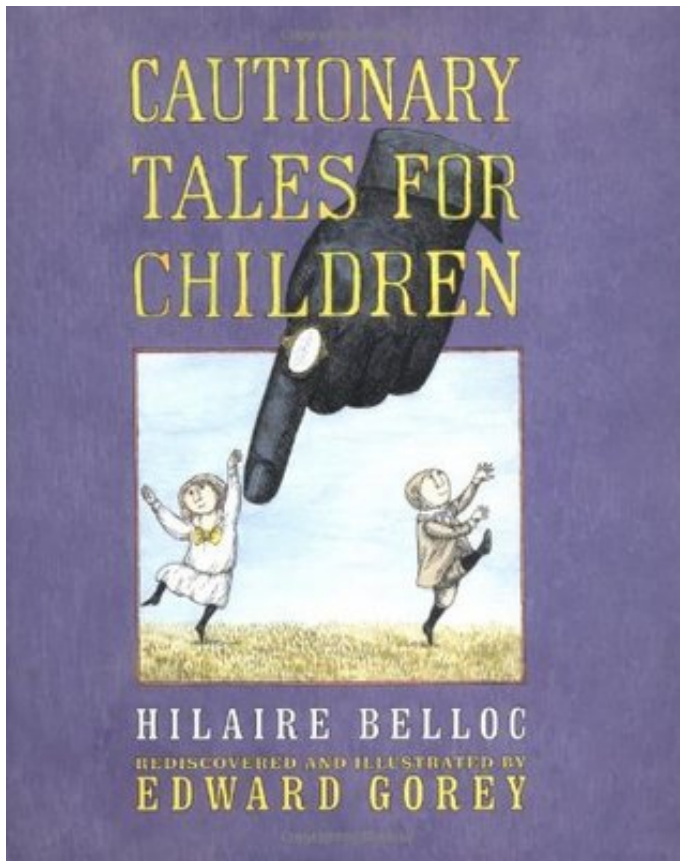


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**Hilaire Belloc**

**Cautionary Tales for Children**



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## Description

For readers of any age, a witty and strikingly irreverent collection of moral guidance. Most notable among prolific English satirist Hilaire Belloc's writings are the sharp and clever admonishments he composed for children. Collected here and illustrated to wonderful haunting effect by Edward Gorey, these short, funny pieces offer moral instruction for all types of mischief makers—from a certain young Jim, "who ran away from his nurse and was eaten by a lion," to the tale of Matilda, "who told lies and was burned to death"—and add up to a delightful read for any fan of Roald Dahl or Shel Silverstein.

## Insightful reviews

Cecily: Very dated, but all the more charming because of it.

My father read them to me with great expression when I was a child, and to this day, I can only hear or read them with his intonation (fortunately his was very good).

As with and compendium, there are some duffers, but the best are sublime: Matilda (obviously), Sarah Byng, John and many others.

For a modern and darker twist on these, see Tim Burton's "Melancholy Death of the Oyster Boy" (<http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/...>).

Joyce: They are exactly as advertised - cautionary tales for children. They remind me of Stewelpeter.

Ellie: I adore these poems, my father can recite them all by heart and always used to trot them out whenever we looked like we were getting bored or restless, especially on long car journeys.

They are funny and especially appealing to children, and although they are quite dated in parts, I don't think it really matters, my young cousins love them especially Jim as they have bits that don't date at all;

Now just imagine how it feels,  
When first your toes and then your heels,  
Are slowly eaten bit by bit,  
No wonder Jim detested it!

Felicity: it is an extraordinary e-book for kids describing the difficulty you may get in to in case you have convinced vices. It rhymes throughout, is especially witty and that I want I might learn it whilst I used to be more youthful even though I certainly knew Matilda's and Jim's stories.

Manny: I do know lots of those good sufficient to recite them. A few of my favorite quotes: [Jim, who ran clear of his nurse and used to be eaten through a lion:] "Now simply think the way it feels when first your feet after which your heels and then by means of sluggish degrees your

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insteps, ankles, calves and knees are slowly eaten, bit through bit! No ask yourself Jim detested it! No ask yourself that he shouted Hi! The sincere keeper heard his cry. Though very stout, he nearly ran to support the little gentleman!" [Henry King:] "Physicians of the maximum repute have been summoned quickly yet they came and replied as they took their fees. There isn't any therapy for this disease. Henry will very quickly be dead. His mom and dad stood beside his mattress lamenting his premature death..." [Charles Augustus Fortescue:] "And as for locating mutton fat, unappetising, far away from that. He usually of his personal accord might stand beside his father's board and beg for, if he wouldn't mind the greasiest morsels he may perhaps find"

Laura: "Young Algernon, the medical professional's son, was once fiddling with a loaded gun. He pointed it in the direction of his sister, aimed very conscientiously yet ignored her"

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