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Benno von Rothbart, a powerful sorcerer, has transformed Odette, his childhood friend, into a swan, jealous of her love for Victor.

Odette and Victor have loved one another their whole lives.

Victor and Odette are unaware of Benno's powers and manipulations to come between them and win Odette for himself. When Benno uses his powers to transform Odette, she finds herself in a fight for her freedom and for Victor.

The White Swan is a retelling of the classic Swan Lake fairytale.

The White Swan Details

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Camila Cullen Masen says

Todo paso tan rápido que casi ni me di cuenta de que había pasado.

Desi says

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Kai says

This is the retelling of the Swan Lake story. It's about twin sisters who were turned into swans by an evil sorcerer. It's a cute romance, but I was really unhappy with the ending. It needed to be longer to finish the story more as it felt a bit unfinished.

Karijean31 says

good book

Ana Neves says

Lovely version

It is a nice modern version of swan lake in words.
The fact they are twins makes sense.
Rothbart being friend of the Prince does not make sense.
The end is weak.

Missing points: who was the lover?
Where are the other swans?

Verena says

A good beginning, but a weak story and confusing end. The idea is very interesting, but I hate the end. In this Swan Lake retelling Prince Siegfried is called Victor (the first cast was Victor Gellert, and Sieg- means victor-y.)
Odile is here already enchanted as Black Swan and the wizard Rotbart is mixed with Benno, Siegfried's best friend. Sounds interesting, but all the important parts are rushed. It gets back to the classic evil guy against goodie goodie. The conclusion is jumpy and not satisfying. Odette, the White Swan, is boring. The

characters aren't deep. It's just weird and sad. I pity poor Odile and I'm disappointed that Victor's friend got not more depth. The end didn't make me happy. Finally, it's a mixture of a Disney cartoon and a psychopathic short story.

S. Policar says

As a lover of Fairy Tales, I was immediately drawn to this one. It's an interesting take on an old story. This story is absolutely modernized, but the element of the original still remains.

A girl who turns into a swan at the first light of day. Only this story has two, Odette and Odile.

Odile's self pity of herself is something anyone with siblings that are more popular than they are can relate to, as is the oblivion Odette has of the entire situation.

The fact that Odile shares Odette's situation in this story opens her eyes to all the things her self loathing prevented her from seeing.

I liked how the story is told from multiple points of view while still remaining in the third person. The chapters are labeled by the character starring in that part. It was a refreshing change from the norm.

I never really understood Benno's actions, but I understood Odile's ultimate decision. I do hope Cindy will write a sequel, a brand new fairy tale in which the White Swan and the Black Swan will be together again.

I give this book 5 of 5. My 6 year old said to give it a 10 >^.^<

Stories & Verse says

*...Odette shook her head. "You have to quit expecting people to let you down. You need to **let** people love you."*

The story is fluent and exciting to read. It was both a tragic romance as it was happily ever after.

I have never read the original "Swan Lake" story, so this retelling was the first telling for me.

However, at the end of the book, the author's notes compares the original with the retelling; which is helpful if you did not read the original.

Vicki says

I enjoyed these books. I do hope that there will be more at some point in the future.

Gabs {My Full Bookshelf Reviews} says

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So, I finally say goodbye to the enchanted fairytales series. This one was pretty good, and I hadn't read a

retelling of the Swan Princess before (or seen the ballet...or actually remember that Barbie movie that they made a couple years ago..y'know, basically this was a new story for me.) so I can't really compare this to any other book I've read before.

It was an interesting story, for sure. I was a bit confused as to when this was taking place though, because while pretty much all the Enchanted Fairytales series takes place in modern times, this one seemed a little more...old. Like the names for example, and the fact that Victor was a 'sorceror. So maybe like a fairy tale world?

I felt bad for Odile, because the guy she loved was in love with her sister. I liked her because even so, she still loved her sister and tried to help her escape from Victor.

I also really liked (as always) Cindy Bennett's little note at the end of the story. It explained why she chose this story to tell, some of the development of the story, etc. I kind of wish more authors would do this, because it's really interesting to read about.

Another nice story from the Enchanted Fairy tales series. I would recommend it to people who like retellings.

Gayle says

(I read this as part of the "Enchanted Fairytales" collection, but for some reason it was not listed on Goodreads so I have to add each novella separately.)

I was less familiar with this fairytale, but I enjoyed the story!

Mignon says

Short and fun retelling of the story.

Nathalia says

Puntuación 3.5

Susan says

This is the retelling of the Swan Lake story, I think, but I haven't read the original story. It's about twin sisters who were turned into swans by an evil sorcerer. It's a cute romance, but I wasn't real satisfied with the ending. Guess there needs to be a sequel.

Natalia Paez says

My rating for this book is 1.0 stars.

Definitivamente son historias cortas pero a mi parecer no llegan a tener ese algo que las pueda hacer especial. Este es un cuento que me gusta, era uno de mis favoritos cuando era pequeña, aquí poco lo cambian pero no sentí que le hiciera justicia al cuento original. Se que la idea de la autora quiere hacerlo todo diferente a los cuentos originales pero manteniendo lo mas importante, de todos modos no le hace justicia para nada. No llama mi atención, lamentablemente.
