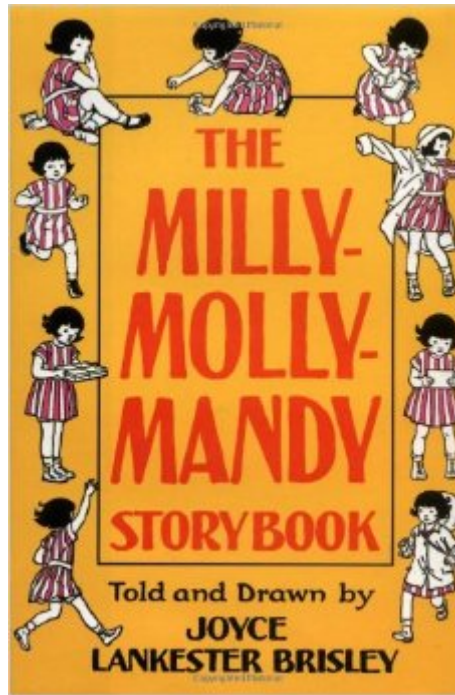


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# The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook



## Synopsis

The stories of Milly-Molly-Mandy and her family and friends have charmed generations of children since they first appeared in 1925. The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook, written and illustrated by Joyce Lankester Brisley, is a collection of twenty-one classic tales about this resourceful and thoughtful little girl reflect with accuracy the dilemmas and challenges of a child's world. Young children today will love to hear how Milly-Molly-Mandy decides to spend her first penny, looks after a hedgehog, and spends her first night away from home. These timeless stories are perfect for reading aloud, for older children to read by themselves, or as a story before bedtime, and will bring back many happy memories for many parents and grandparents. The book's endpaper feature a two-page map of Milly-Molly-Mandy's village complete with drawings of cottages, fields, streets, and shops making it easy for children to follow Milly-Molly-Mandy from place to place.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

What a sweet book! I'm 23 and always pre-read any books that i intend to give as gifts to the various kids i know. Usually i find that they eventually turn into scary stuff which isn't too good for the younger ones. When i read this story book i went out and got six copies, one for each of the young children i baby-sit, age ranging 3 to 9, even the 9 year old loved it. There is no violence, no bad language and is a wonderful way of showing young children how people lived in days gone by without taking on a lecturing tone. You know what, even the two young boys liked it!:-)

This book has been a staple in my family for generations, as I am the great-granddaughter of the author! I am thrilled to be sharing it with my OWN child. What a pleasure it is to see these wholesome tales (based on the adventures of JLB's daughter (my grandmother) as a young girl in Holland) stand the test of time. I would highly recommend these stories. Milly Molly Mandy was originally published on the Children's Pages of the Christian Science Monitor in 1925. It was assumed by many readers that the stories take place in England, because of the book's first mass publishing in Great Britain. I am very proud of my Dutch heritage (as well as my famous relative), & wanted to be sure the readers knew where the stories originated from.

I have four children ranging in age from 11 to 5 and all of them love the Milly-Molly-Mandy stories, even my two very active boys. The stories are delightfully old-fashioned tales of the everyday adventures of the heroine, Milly-Molly-Mandy. They are the perfect tone and length for a good bedtime read. I love them for their idyllic depiction of rural life in an English village.

Set in the 1920s in England, these are short stories about a 7 year-old girl. We are brought into Milly-Molly-Mandy's world, living with her parents, aunt and uncle, and grandmother and grandfather (and pet dog). She lives in a tiny village and has 2 best friends. We see her interacting and playing, back in these olden days of no-electricity, no-TV, no-Pokemon, etc. She is always happy and cheery and if anything these little stories are sometimes too sweet. Or maybe it is just the over-use of exclamation points that makes me think this. For example, "And when they got in Father and Mother and Grandpa and Grandma and Uncle and Aunty were all sitting at table, just finishing what do you think? Why, their midday dinner!" Anyway, these are lovely little stories that (I hope) any small child would love to hear read aloud to them. I especially enjoy stories that are set in times past so this appealed to me. I think that small children will need a little explanation about things because the everyday goings-on are very different then as compared to now. For example, they use candles and lanterns for night light, sew all their own clothes, make all their food from scratch, live in a thatched roof cottage, have a blacksmith (do kids even know what that is nowadays?) and shop in a tiny general store. Live is very simple in the "Village" and all the times are happy and gay. There is no grief, no problem that can't be overcome, nothing to fret about in this book. Illustrations drawn by the author are in black ink and wonderful. This is a chapter book not a picture book. Guidelines state this is for ages 4-8 but I feel that it is fine for any age, baby on up, so long as they are willing and able to sit and listen to a short story and not expect the large pictures of a picture book. Enjoy!

My daughters, age 9 and 7 loved this book, as did I. It is a storybook about a sweet girl and her family life in England. I did not find it dated only a delight of family life and the pleasures and treasures of childhood and innocence.

I was given my first Milly-Molly-Mandy book by my grandparents when I was 6. I spent hours reading about MMM & Little Friend Susan and could not wait until the next book arrived. The series follows the antics of a young girl in England and is well worth the read. Boys and girls alike will take interest in the adventures and learn some life lessons along the way. This series is truly one of my all-time favs. I hope you'll feel the same way!

Don't rule this out for your older children...I just bought it for my just-turned-8yo dd after starting a library copy of it and all of us (including 10yo brother) being enchanted (he actually suggested buying it...said it was a "classic"! )! It reminds you of simpler times... the wholesome joys of childhood. It probably is best for 8 and under but we found it absolutely charming!

The MMM books are an idyllic picture of a safe and happy home. MMM can picnic alone, go for walks in the wood, is loved and cared for in an extended family of three generations. The books are loved and read by people of all ages (like me!) I go back to them when I feel tired or sad. A lovely, lovely book, with evocative illustrations.

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