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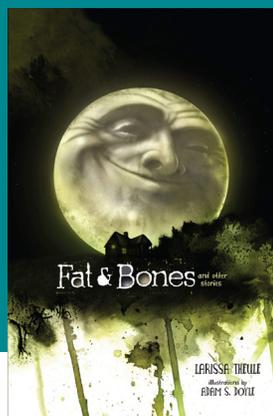
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Book Review

Fat & Bones

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Primary, Intermediate,
Young Adult

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103

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2014

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Publisher

Carolrhoda Books

On a not-so-ordinary farm, the farmer Bald has died. His son Bones is now unchecked and free to release his wrath on his arch nemesis, Fat the Fairy. This starts a chain of unusual and often unfortunate events. The farmer's wife cries until there are inches of water on the floor. A little mouse must sail across this new ocean to reach the mouse he loves on the other side. Fat makes a potion for Bones that requires spider blood, and the not-so-adventurous spider Leonard must save the day. From a sneezing dog to a dancing pig, animals and humans wreak havoc upon the farm until the Man in the Moon himself wanders if it could ever be fixed.

Several short, fairy-tale like stories intertwine to make up this unique book. With distinctive characters, descriptive imagery, and exciting suspense, the story is well crafted. However, the content is unusual and often unpleasant. Like the original Grimm tales, these stories do not shy away from strange violent content, such as pigs who live with few to no feet for the sake of pig foot soup. Unlike some fairy tales, these stories have no obvious morals, although digging deeper may reveal some obscure lesson. The writing style is suitable for children as young as eight, however the content will probably be better appreciated by older readers who favor the dark and peculiar.

*Contains moderate violence.