

Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood By Maria Tatar **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** Considering that in the last 60 years equality has made such huge leaps forward I don't think it's necessary to continue to instruct girls to be good little housekeepers or to demonize groups of people like the early written fairy tales do repeatedly (which of course is more an influence of the writers than an actual representation of the oral tradition from which they came). **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Also considering the complete cultural shift towards children in regards to mandatory schooling.

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My library does not own this and its hefty \$35 price tag in paperback is an obstacle. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood Literature fiction** The copy I obtained through Inter-library loan had too short a loan period so I was only able to get through the preface which was enough to inform me that this is an analytical work that begs some concentration on the part of the reader. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** 0691000883 I met Tatar last year and heard her speak.

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Do you remember that movie Reign of Fire? There's that scene where they are reenacting Star Wars Luke I am your father and the little kids in the audience gasp - so cute. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Once something is written down or filmed that version of the story becomes fixed but the way we get together around the water cooler at work and talk about last night's episode of Lost changes depending on whom we are talking with. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood ebookers** I'm not sure what the point of this book was I honestly felt the fourth time I had to get the dictionary to look up a word that the author was like those kids in the 5th grade with big vocabularies who mocked other students for not knowing the meaning of words they had never even heard before. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood's** What I did find interesting was that Bruno Bettelheim author of Uses of Enchantment laws preventing them from working until their teens years and stricter rules against abuse and higher mortality rates in general (child mortality rates where in the 66% range in the early 1800s meaning if you had 10 kids only four were likely to live to be adults) childhood itself is completely different than it was even 50 years ago. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood Literature fiction** She is the author of Enchanted Hunters: The Power of Stories in Childhood Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood and many other books on folklore and fairy stories. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood ebookers** She is also the editor and translator of The Annotated Hans Christian Andersen The Annotated Brothers Grimm The Annotated Classic Fairy Tales The Annotated Peter Pan The Classic Fairy Tales: A Norton Critical Edition and The Grimm Reader. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood books** When fairy tales moved from workrooms taverns and the fireside into the nursery they not only lost much of their irreverent earthy humor but were also deprived of their contestatory stance to official culture. **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood** In this book she explores how Perrault the Grimms and others reshaped fairy tales to produce conciliatory literary texts that dedicate themselves to the project of socializing the child. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** The author's focus is largely on the literary form of

fairy tales and how they were chosen/edited to maximize didactic content bent on making children (particularly girls) docile obedient and incurious. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** She spends considerable time on Bettelheim's Uses of Enchantment and what she considers a victim-blaming theme where children are made responsible for the bad deeds of the adult villains who attack them. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** A lot of the analysis is very interesting especially when it comes to why the tales have been told the way they have and how the culture at the time the most well-known versions of several famous fairytales were written impacted them but there's a frankly bizarre acceptance of some really outdated ideas. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Maybe I'm just not reading the tone right and the author does pointedly disagree with some terrible takes she mentions but particularly the chapter on cannibalism in folktales is just uncomfortable. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** Her analysis is incisive; even when I disagreed with her or could envision a different interpretation I recognized that I would not have been able to disagree with her without her elucidation in the first place. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** The disturbing aspects of the book were the chapters on anti-child stories and the even more awful misogynistic stories tales told to make children fear and obey and stories told basically to justify all manner of abuse of women. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** This is especially at the beginning and end a fascinating book about how children perceive folk tales adaptations and original stories and how that often differs from how adults do. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood books** *For example: Those of you interested in this subject remember learning about the moral tales in which the most obedient and kind children would be blessed with a peaceful early death. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** What she does say is that folk tales fairy tales and wonder stories are always being adapted by the adult telling or writing or illustrating by the child understanding only parts and misunderstanding other parts by the very fact that a particular story is made available to that child and another story isn't. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Therefore parents and educators have a duty to at least pay attention to what messages are being sent and preferably to discuss the themes with the children and to read adaptations more suitable to contemporary context. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** Re *Caterinella* But is it really such a bad thing to outwit a creature who makes a habit out of devouring human beings? Hans Christian Andersen adamantly refused to have the statue in his honor be of him reading to children. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity**)And some adaptations to add to the list of such that I've read: Russell Shorto's Cinderella and Cinderella's Stepsister and Tim Paulson's Jack and the Beanstalk and the Beanstalk Incident. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** This book in some ways functions as an extended critique of Bruno Bettelheim's psychoanalytic mode of fairy tale criticism arguing for the historicity of many elements of the tales and their deep immersion in their own cultural contexts. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** It's a good book but might be a surprisingly adversarial one for someone who has read little fairy tale criticism before; I'd recommend From the Beast to the Blonde as a better text to begin with:

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Committed suicide and was estranged from his daughter in real life, **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** For all the post-Freud emphasis on studying behavior and societal influences we are still using outdated myths because they have been written and edited into a book or film, **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** I will say that I am now persuaded to NEVER read Bettelheim's The Uses of

Enchantment in which he puts a disturbingly Freudian spin on the fairy tale motifs: **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood** If I ever get back to this and give it an honest and thorough reading my rating will be more reflective of my opinion of the work as a whole. **EBook Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Well that's the thing about the oral tradition verses printed/filmed stories: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** 0691000883 Alas and found her to be very pleasant and interesting: **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** She tends to make claims that she doesn't bother supporting which is frustrating as a scholar. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** She also makes many ethical judgments and presents them as absolute truths, **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood ebookers** The book seems to be an instruction manual on how to protect your kids from scary fairy tales disguised as a scholarly text: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** 0691000883 A really interesting look at the messages we send our kids through stories. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood education** 0691000883 This is one of those books that I have now skimmed several times for school: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** My eyes have alit on every single page but I haven't read the book with the intensity of a novel, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** However per popular response I can claim it as a book read in 2009. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** She's interesting sometimes funny and highly readable while remaining clearly extremely intelligent, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** I keep returning to this book because her perspective is complimentary to my study interests and her language is so approachable: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** If you have interest in any of her areas of specialization I really do recommend Maria Tatar: **EBook Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** She chairs the Program in Folklore and Mythology at Harvard University, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Children's literature Maria Tatar maintains has always been more intent on producing docile minds than playful bodies: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** From its inception it has openly endorsed a productive discipline that condemns idleness and disobedience along with most forms of social resistance, **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood ebookers** Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood Sometimes I pick up a non-fiction book just to have something slightly different. **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** This was written in 1992 when the current trend of rewriting or reclaiming fairy tales with a feminist or egalitarian perspective was just beginning: **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** I'd like to see an update with her thoughts on more recent events. **EBook Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** com/tag/fairy-tales/0691000883 Pretty interesting and a good read but my god if I ever in my life have to read another Freudian interpretation of a fairytale it'll be too soon. **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood** Really don't like the implication that say Hansel and Gretel going home to their father is inherently incestuous. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Which makes her the best kind of scholar: someone who's in it for the discovery not to make everyone else agree with her: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Seriously I thought I knew how bad some of these stories were then I read this book: **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** The author takes into account different cultural contexts* and different interpretations both scholarly and popular, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** It includes extensive notes and bibliography but is accessible not just scholarly. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood education** Well that's not so horrible if one realizes that very many young children were going to die anyway: **EPub Off with**

Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma at least they'd learn from these tales how to prepare themselves to do so and to not get sent to Hell, **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** Now in our current context those tales are not so 'necessary. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** 'But what to do with tales like Jack and the Beanstalk for example? Shall a 21st century adaptation make it clear why it's ok for Jack to take the harp etc. **EBook Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** from the giant? Or does that spoil the tale? Tatar doesn't come right out and say either way. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Readers of this book will likely get a lot more out of classic children's lit, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood's** than those who know only the critical views of BB (who I refuse to name outright in favor of condemning him to oblivion) or even Zipes. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood Literature fiction** After all Tatar is not only a scholar but a mother who read *and listened* to her children so it's good to read from her perspective. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood Literature fiction** Unfortunately she does sometimes succumb to academese ie to using fancy words when simpler ones would do, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** And sometimes she gets lost in her ideas and while managing to find her own way out leaves the reader behind: **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** And the thesis itself seems lost when much analytic attention is paid to stories that were surely never offered for children, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Still it is worth reading if you have plenty of time and interest: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** Some book darts: Curiosity and disobedience along with a variety of other vices are seen as the besetting sins of both children and women: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** The quote from him and Tatar's commentary makes it clear that he and many other writers were effectively pedophobic. **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood Literature fiction** Their tales were often exemplary and/or cautionary because inquisitive and spirited children were perceived as well frightening. **EBook Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Think of parents you know who still think that it's good to control children who believe in corporal punishment who want to indoctrinate them in their beliefs: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** Tatar and I aren't actually saying there's something for sure going on there but think about it, **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** The fact that fairy tales guide feelings and control responses give lie to the notion [held by BB] that children work their way from dependence to autonomy through literature, **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** Our current agenda and the wisdom of our time may seem vastly superior to Janeway's sanctimoniously lurid descriptions of dying children or Dr, **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Heinrich Hoffmann's unforgettable images of thumbsuckers getting their digits sheared off but they are ultimately our own adult ideas about what is 'for their own good: **EPub Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood trauma** 'Think for example of *Hansel and Gretel* where the villain of the tale first appears as a cruel stepmother at home then as a cannibalistic witch residing in enchanted woods: **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** (Did you ever make the connection between the two women? Tatar is being metaphorical I hope. **Book Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** Also Rosemarie Kunzler's *Rumpelstiltskin* which is found in *Breaking the Magic Spell: Radical Theories of Folk and Fairy Tales*: **PDF Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of childhood obesity** 0691000883 Tatar is as always refreshingly pragmatic and grounded in her analysis, **Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and the Culture of Childhood kindle books** In this way it is not unlike Marina Warner's more expansive *From the Beast to Blonde* though Tatar is more pointed in her argument and in her opposition to Bettelheim: **EBook Off with Their Heads! Fairy Tales and**

the Culture of childhood obesity She is strongest when illuminating the potential agendas of a teller or critic locating the didactic potential of a narrative. This book however drove me a little nuts. So there ya go. LOL! Honestly I love Maria Tatar from an academic perspective. 0691000883 Maria Tatar is the John L. Loeb Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures. She lives in Cambridge Massachusetts. For more fairy tale book reviews: <http://www.skjam>. 0691000883 A disturbing enlightening and engagingly-written book. Tatar is one of the best academic writers I've read. The easily triggered should avoid this book. 0691000883 Never mind the blurb. Even the Aarne-Thompson system is shown to be problematic. It's not a terribly rigorous analysis. but she does mention this duality twice. Huh. Also The Forest Princess. 0691000883

