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L. Frank Baum-Katharine M. Rogers 2007-04-01

Since it was first introduced over a hundred years ago in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, L. Frank Baum's world of Oz has become one of the most enduring and beloved creations in

children's literature. It has influenced numerous prominent writers and intellectuals, and become a lasting part of the culture itself. L. Frank Baum was born in 1856 in upstate New York, the seventh child of a very successful barrel-maker and later oil producer. However, Baum's own career path was a rocky one. Beginning as an actor, Baum tried working as a traveling

salesman, the editor of a small town newspaper and the publisher of a trade journal on retailing, failing to distinguish himself in any occupation. His careers either failed to provide a sufficient living for his beloved wife Maud and their children or were so exhausting as to be debilitating. In the 1890's, L. Frank Baum took the advice of his mother-in-law, suffragist leader Matilda Gage, and turned his attention to trying to sell the stories he'd been telling to his sons and their friends. After a few children's books published with varying success, he published *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in 1900 and it quickly became a bestseller and has remained so ever since. In this first full-length adult biography of Baum, Rogers discusses some of the aspects that made his work unique and has likely contributed to Oz's long-lasting appeal, including Baum's early support of feminism and how it was reflected in his characters, his interest in Theosophy and how it took form in his books, and the celebration in his stories of traditional American values. Grounding his imaginative creations, particularly in his fourteen Oz books,

in the reality of his day, Katharine M. Rogers explores the fascinating life and influences of America's greatest writer for children.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz-Frank L Baum
2020-04-07 When a wild tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she and her sidekick pup, Toto, wake up a very long way from home. Suddenly in a new and mysterious land, Dorothy and Toto must find their way through the enchanted land of Oz with the hopes of making it to the famous Emerald City. There, it is rumored that the magical Wizard of Oz is the only one who can grant them their wish of returning home. The *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* has become one of the most well-known American stories of our time, inspiring its many readers that there is indeed, "no place like home." Throughout her adventure, Dorothy meets a cast of unlikely characters to accompany her—a naive scarecrow, a heartless tinman, and a cowardly lion--as well as teach important lessons.. Despite her new friends' shortcomings, Dorothy learns that she must cast

aside her differences and work with them to reach the Emerald City and find Oz. Though the road is winding and uncertain, Dorothy's only hope is to trust her new friends and follow the path before them.

The Real Wizard of Oz-Rebecca Loncraine
2009-08-20 In the first major literary biography of L. Frank Baum, Rebecca Loncraine tells the story of Oz as you've never heard it, with a look behind the curtain at the vivid life and eccentric imagination of its creator. L. Frank Baum wrote The Wonderful Wizard of Oz in 1899 and it was first published in 1900. A runaway hit, it was soon recognized as America's first modern fairy tale. Baum's life story, like the fictional world he created, is uniquely American, rooted in the transforming historical changes of his times. Baum was a complex and eccentric man who could never stay put for long; his restless creative spirit and voracious appetite for new projects led him across the U.S. during his lifetime, and he drew energy and inspiration

from each new dramatic landscape he encountered,. Born in 1856, Baum spent his youth in the Finger Lakes region of New York as amputee soldiers returned from the Civil War; childhood mortality was also commonplace, blurring the lines between the living and the dead, and making room in Baum's young imagination for vividly real ghosts. When Baum was growing up, P. T. Barnum ruled the minds of small towns and his traveling circus was the most famous act around. Baum married a headstrong young woman named Maud Gage and they ventured out west to Dakota Territory, where they faced violent tornadoes, Ghost Dancing tribes and desperate droughts, before trading the hardships on the Great Plains for the excitement of Chicago and the fantastical White City of the World's Fair. Baum's writing tapped into an inner world that blurred his own sense of reality and fantasy. The Land of Oz, which Baum believed he had "discovered" rather than invented, grew into something far bigger and more popular than he'd ever imagined. After the roaring success of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz in 1900, he became a

kind of slave to his creation, trapped inside Oz as his army of demanding child fans kept sending him back there to create new adventures for Dorothy, Toto and the humbug wizard. He went on to write thirteen sequels to his first Oz book. He also wrote the first Broadway adaptations of his Oz tales, and turned his Oz books into some of the first motion pictures in a small and undiscovered rural settlement called "Hollywood". Baum co-founded the Oz Film Manufacturing Company, even as critics warned that no one would pay to see a children's story. And they were right- his early ventures were box office flops and the world was not ready for Oz on screen until 1939, when MGM released "The Wizard of Oz" in brilliant Technicolor. Baum was not around to see it-he'd died in bed in 1919 just weeks after completing his final Oz book. But the book and film alike have become classics, just as well-loved today as they were when they first appeared. The Real Wizard of Oz is an imaginatively written work that stretches the genre of biography and enriches our understanding of modern fairytales. L. Frank

Baum, author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and its thirteen sequels, lived during eventful times in American history-- from 1856 to 1919-- that influenced nearly every aspect of his writing, from the Civil War to Hollywood, which was emerging as a modern Emerald City full of broken dreams and humbug wizards, to the gulf between America's prairie heartland, with its wild tornadoes, and its cities teeming with "Tin Man" factory workers. This is a colorful portrait of one man's vivid and eccentric imagination and the world that shaped it. Baum's famous fairytale is filled with the pain of the economic uncertainties of the Gilded Age and with a yearning for real change, ideas which many contemporary Americans will recognize. The Wizard of Oz continues to fascinate and influence us because it explores universal themes of longing for a better world, homesickness and finding inner strength amid the storms.

L. Frank Baum-EPUB 2-3 2013-11-08
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Father Goose, His Book-Lyman Frank Baum
1899

Finding Oz-Evan I. Schwartz 2009 Explores the origins of L. Frank Baum's classic tale "The Wizard of Oz," evaluating the personal turmoil and spiritual transformation that fueled Baum's parable of the American dream, and describing the people, places, and events that inspired his characters.

L. Frank Baum-Carol Greene 1995 Traces the life of the children's author, describes his childhood, and tells how he became a writer

Ozma of Oz-Lyman Frank Baum 1907 It is the first Oz book where the majority of the action takes place outside of the Land of Oz. Only the final two chapters take place in Oz itself. This

reflects a subtle change in theme: in the first book, Oz is the dangerous land through which Dorothy must win her way back to Kansas; in the third, Oz is the end and aim of the book. Dorothy's desire to return home is not as desperate as in the first book, and it is her uncle's need for her rather than hers for him that makes her return.

Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz-L. Frank Baum
1908 During a California earthquake Dorothy falls into the underground Land of the Manaboos where she again meets the Wizard of Oz.

The Marvelous Land of Oz-Lyman Frank Baum
1904 Tip and his creation, Jack Pumpkin, run away to Oz where they save the city after it is captured by girls.

The Lost Princess of Oz-L. Frank Baum
2004-09 When Princess Ozma and all the magic

of the Land of Oz are mysteriously stolen away, Dorothy and the other residents of Oz are determined to find their missing ruler and the thief responsible for her disappearance.

Daughters of Destiny-Lyman Frank Baum 1906
Daughters of Destiny is a 1906 adventure novel written by L. Frank Baum, famous as the author of the Oz books. Baum published the novel under the pen name "Schuyler Staunton," one of his several pseudonyms. (Baum arrived at the name by adding one letter to the name of his late maternal uncle, Schuyler Stanton.)The 1906 edition of the book featured eight illustrations, three by Thomas Mitchell Pierce and five by Harold DeLay. Pierce was a son-in-law of Baum's sister Harriet Alvena Baum Neal; he contributed illustrations to Baum's 1898 poetry collection *By the Candelabra's Glare*. Baum had originally intended to call his novel *The Girl in the Harem*.

Oz Before the Rainbow-Mark Evan Swartz

2002 Swartz reminds us in that various stage and screen dramatizations of Baum's story preceded and influenced the 1939 film. This richly illustrated book contains many rare photographs, film stills, sketches, theater programs, and movie advertisements from the different productions. Piecing together the Chicago and Broadway stage productions (1902-3) from contemporary reviews, surviving script pages, and published song lyrics, Swartz shows how Baum and his many collaborators worked to transform the book into a popular theatrical attraction -- often requiring significant alterations to the original story.

The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus-L. Frank Baum 2007-09-01 Taking the beloved symbol of merriment out of his conventional trappings and into the world of folklore, Baum gives Santa Claus an exciting life that evokes all the charm, warmth, and fantasy that made his Oz stories American classics. Includes a new Introduction. Original.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Coloring Book-

L. Frank Baum 1974-06-01 This unique coloring book contains the well-known story abridged from L. Frank Baum's book, as well as 61 W. W. Denslow drawings that have been adapted for your crayons, paints or felt pens. You'll enjoy coloring Dorothy, Toto, the Scarecrow, Glinda, and the great Oz himself, along with Munchkin Land and the dazzling Emerald City. A selection of the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

L. Frank Baum-Jill C. Wheeler 2015-01-01 This biography introduces reader to L. Frank Baum, the best-selling author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Readers will learn about Baum's childhood in New York, his work as a writer, actor, and traveling salesman, and the inspiration for his famous book that continues to be popular today. Baum wrote 13 books in his Oz series. Easy-to-read text and full-color photos highlight Baum's childhood, family, education, and life as an

author. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Checkerboard Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

The Complete Stories of Oz-L. Frank Baum 2012 When Uncle Henry and Aunt Em's grey, grim Kansas farmhouse was picked up by the great summer cyclone, a wondrous adventure had begun. Dorothy and Toto have many adventures before the Good Witch grants them their wish - to return home to Kansas.

The Emerald City of Oz-Lyman Frank Baum 1910 Dorothy

The Wonderful Pump-L. Frank Baum 2014-07-22 A great short story from te creator of The Wizard of Oz.

Mother Goose in Prose-Lyman Frank Baum
1905 A collection of twenty-two nursery rhymes, including "Old King Cole" and "Little Bo-Peep," fashioned into full-length stories by the author of "The Wizard of Oz."

The Book of the Hamburgs.-L. Frank Baum
2020-08-04 Reproduction of the original: The Book of the Hamburgs. by L. Frank Baum

The Wizard of Oz : Om Illustrated Classics-L Frank Baum Dorothy and her faithful dog, Toto, get caught in a cyclone which takes them from their home to the mystical land of Oz. Dorothy learns that there is only one person who can help her get back home — the Wizard of Oz, the mysterious magician who rules over the fabled Emerald City. Join Dorothy, as she travels through the Yellow Brick Road and meets new friends — the Scarecrow, who wanted brains for himself, the rusty Tinman, who was looking for a heart and the cowardly Lion, who was in search

of courage. Together, the friends face many adventures, Wicked Witches, Flying Monkeys and of course, the never-to-be-seen Wizard of Oz. Will Dorothy ever find her way back home?

The Enchanted Island of Yew-L. Frank Baum
2005-10 Purchase one of 1st World Library's Classic Books and help support our free internet library of downloadable eBooks. Visit us online at www.1stWorldLibrary.ORG - - I am going to tell a story, one of those tales of astonishing adventures that happened years and years and years ago. Perhaps you wonder why it is that so many stories are told of ""once on a time"", and so few of these days in which we live; but that is easily explained.

Mary Louise-L. Frank Baum 2016-01-19 Table of Contents CHAPTER I JUST AN ARGUMENT CHAPTER II GRAN'PA JIM CHAPTER III A SURPRISE CHAPTER IV SHIFTING SANDS CHAPTER V OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION

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Rinkitink in Oz-Lyman Frank Baum 1916
Rinkitink of Oz is a tale of high adventure
beginning in the islands of the Nonestic Ocean
and eventually culminating in the darkness of the

Nome King's Caverns. Rinkitink is the fun-loving
runaway king of his eponymous land who
accompanied by his beast of burden, a surly
talking goat named Bilbil, makes his way to the
beautiful and peaceful island of Pingaree. His
timing, however, is poor for soon after his arrival
the island is overrun by a marauding band of
warriors who loot and pillage the entire island
and carry all its inhabitants off to slavery on the
twin islands of Regos and Coregos. Rinkitink,
Bilbil, and the young Prince of Pingaree, Inga,
escape capture and with the the help of three
magic pearls they set out to rescue the
Pingareeans and Inga's father and mother, King
Kitticut and Queen Garee. After some successes
and failures, they ultimately win the day and free
all the slaves on the islands. But not before the
wicked King Gos and Queen Cor escape with
King Kitticut and Queen Garee as hostages. The
action then shifts to the Nome King's Caverns.
Inga and Rinkitink join forces with Dorothy and
the Wizard of Oz to once more confront the
Nomes in the dramatic conclusion to this tale of
high adventure in the remoter regions of Oz.

The Master Key-Lyman Frank Baum 1901 A young boy accidentally summons the Demon of Electricity who gives him certain electrical gifts to show the world.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz-L. Frank Baum 2010-01-01 After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.

The Tin Woodman of Oz-Lyman Frank Baum 1918 Dorothy tries to rescue the Tin Woodman and Scarecrow from the giantess who has changed them into a tin owl and a teddy bear and is using them for playthings.

The Master Key-L. Frank Baum 2008-08 A children's adventure involving a boy who, with the Demon of Electricity, discovers that it is no

fun being ahead of one's own time technologically.

Mother Goose in Prose-L. Frank Baum 2020-05 Published three years before the author achieved fame as the creator of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, this engaging volume, inspired by well-known nursery rhymes, added an exciting new dimension to old, much-loved verses. In 22 captivating fantasies, Baum tells about Old King Cole; The Man in the Moon; The Jolly Miller; Little Bo-Peep; Tom, the Piper's Son; The Woman Who Lived in a Shoe; Little Miss Muffet; The Cat and the Fiddle, and others. Twelve charming drawings by famed illustrator Maxfield Parrish enhance a unique collection that will delight Baum admirers, youngsters, and the young at heart.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz-L. Frank Baum 2018-12-12T23:08:06Z *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* is the classic American children's novel about

the adventures of Dorothy, a young girl who along with her dog Toto is swept away by a cyclone to the magical Land of Oz. It was written by L. Frank Baum and published in May 1900. Dorothy lives with her Aunt Em, Uncle Henry, and Toto on a farm in the Kansas prairie. One day, Dorothy and Toto are caught up in a cyclone that deposits her farmhouse into Munchkin Country in the magical Land of Oz. The falling house has killed the Wicked Witch of the East, the evil ruler of the Munchkins. The Good Witch of the North arrives with three grateful Munchkins and gives Dorothy the magical Silver Shoes that once belonged to the Wicked Witch. The Good Witch tells Dorothy that the only way she can return home is to go to the Emerald City and ask the great and powerful Wizard of Oz to help her. The Library of Congress has declared it "America's greatest and best-loved homegrown fairy-tale." Its groundbreaking success and the success of the Broadway musical adaptation led Baum to write thirteen additional Oz books which serve as sequels to the first story. The 1939 film musical adaptation starring Judy Garland is

considered by many to be one of the greatest films in cinema history. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

L. Frank Baum-Angelica Shirley Carpenter 1992 Presents the life of the first woman prime minister of India, from her childhood to her assassination.

The Book Collector's Guide to L. Frank Baum and Oz-Paul R. Bienvenue 2009

L. Frank Baum's Wizard of Oz-L. Frank Baum 2013-02-07 When a tornado hits her farmhouse in Kansas, Dorothy is caught up in a whirlwind of adventure, complete with flying monkeys, talking lions, and silver slippers. Advanced readers will join Dorothy, Toto, and her friends from Oz on an unforgettable journey down the Yellow Brick Road in this Level 4 reader. The Wizard of Oz will

now join classics like *The Secret Garden* and *Alice in Wonderland* in the Penguin Young Readers program!

The Enchanted Island of Yew (1903), by L. Frank Baum Children's Books-L. Frank Baum 2016-08-11 *The Enchanted Island of Yew: Whereon Prince Marvel Encountered the High Ki of Twi and Other Surprising People* is a children's fantasy novel written by L. Frank Baum, illustrated by Fanny Y. Cory, and published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company in 1903. Lyman Frank Baum (May 15, 1856 - May 6, 1919), better known by his pen name L. Frank Baum, was an American author chiefly known for his children's books, particularly *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. He wrote thirteen novel sequels, nine other fantasy novels, and a host of other works (55 novels in total, plus four "lost works", 83 short stories, over 200 poems, an unknown number of scripts, and many miscellaneous writings), and made numerous attempts to bring his works to the stage and screen. His works

anticipated such century-later commonplaces as television, augmented reality, laptop computers (*The Master Key*), wireless telephones (*Tik-Tok of Oz*), women in high risk, action-heavy occupations (*Mary Louise in the Country*), and the ubiquity of advertising on clothing (*Aunt Jane's Nieces at Work*).

L Frank Baum's Complete Illustrated Oz Series-L. Frank Baum 2011-10-12

The Patchwork Girl of Oz-Lyman Frank Baum 1913 A boy, a patchwork girl, and a glass cat go on a mission to find the ingredients for a charm which will transform some people turned to marble.

The Magic of Oz-Lyman Frank Baum 1919 A young citizen of Oz who learns an important magic word falls prey to the wickedness of the Nomes

The Sea Fairies-L. Frank Baum 2012-08-02
Enchanting fantasy from creator of beloved "Oz" stories whisks young readers away on an exciting underwater adventure where they meet beguiling mermaids and other astonishing creatures. 78 black-and-white illustrations.

A Study Guide for L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"-Gale, Cengage

Learning 2016-06-29 A Study Guide for L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.