
GREAT ILLUSTRATED CLASSICS

PETER PAN

J. M. Barrie

adapted by
Marian Leighton

Illustrations by
Allen Davis



BARONET BOOKS, New York, New York

Cover Copyright (c) 2008
Waldman Publishing Corp.
New York, New York
All rights reserved.

Text Copyright (c) 2008
Waldman Publishing Corp.
New York, New York

BARONET BOOKS is a trademark of Waldman Publishing Corp., New York, N.Y.

No part of this book may be reproduced or copied in any form without written permission from the publisher.

Printed in the United States of America



The Darlings

Chapter 1

The Darling Family of England

Their last name was Darling, and it suited them perfectly. The father, George, met and fell in love with his wife when both were very young. They had a fairy-tale wedding: Mrs. Darling was a beautiful bride in a long white dress, and Mr. Darling was a handsome groom. They had three children: Wendy, John, and Michael. The parents were very devoted to their daughter and sons, but Mr. Darling worried constantly about the family budget and the cost of such basic items as milk.

PETER PAN

All of the families in their London neighborhood hired nurses for their children. The Darlings, who didn't have much money, "hired" a special kind of nurse: a large dog called Nana! She performed her duties quite as well as any human nanny. She bathed and dressed the children, tended to them if they woke crying in the night, and walked alongside them to school, keeping them safe when they crossed streets. She even carried an umbrella in her mouth so that they would stay dry in case of rain.

When Nana tucked Wendy, John, and Michael into bed, she always left the night light on, because the children were frightened of the approaching Neverland. Each child had a different picture of this place and the things that happened there, and in fact it didn't seem scary. It was just that the children had an uneasy feeling of losing control of their surroundings and drifting off to that dream world



She Even Carried an Umbrella.