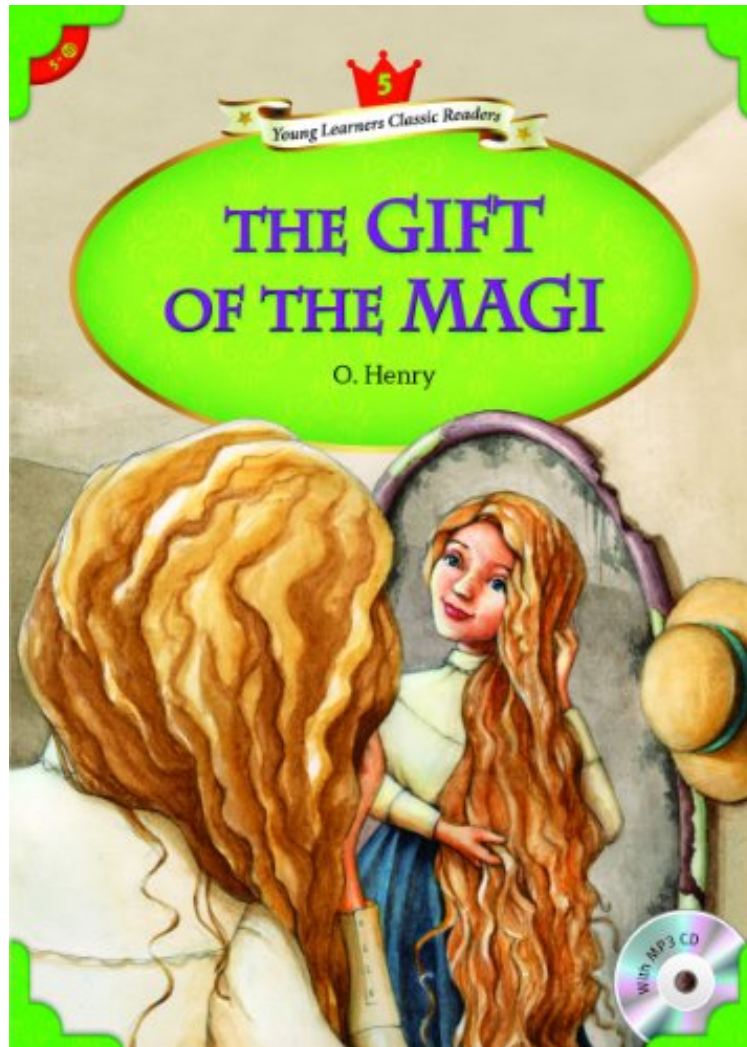


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**Von O. Henry : The Gift of the Magi (Young Learners Classic Readers Book 60) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Gift of the Magi (Young Learners Classic Readers Book 60) (English Edition):

Kurzbeschreibung Della and Jim are poor, but they love each other very much. At Christmas, they both want to find the best gift for each other. But they have a problem. They have no money for gifts. Then they both have the same idea. They can sell something special. With the money, they can buy gifts for Christmas. What can each one sell? The answer may surprise you. From Publishers Weekly O. Henry's classic tale of Della and Jim, the struggling newlyweds so anxious to give each other a Christmas gift that each sells the one thing the other holds most dear, receives an oddly lifeless treatment here. Heyer's meticulously detailed illustrations are pretty but stilted; the characters look like mannequins. The rueful Jim fares better than poor prematurely middle-aged Della, who at times looks more like his mother than his wife. Still, the story is as touching as ever, and neither time nor mediocre artwork can dim its glory. All ages. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Gr. 5 and up. A classic story becomes a picture book for older readers in this oversize edition. Heyer's paintings reflect the turn-of-the-century setting and are nicely executed, if occasionally stiff. Because the protagonists are both adults, there will not be automatic appeal for younger children, but preteens, and especially teenagers, should find the romantic appeal that has been apparent to previous generations of readers. Ilene Cooper