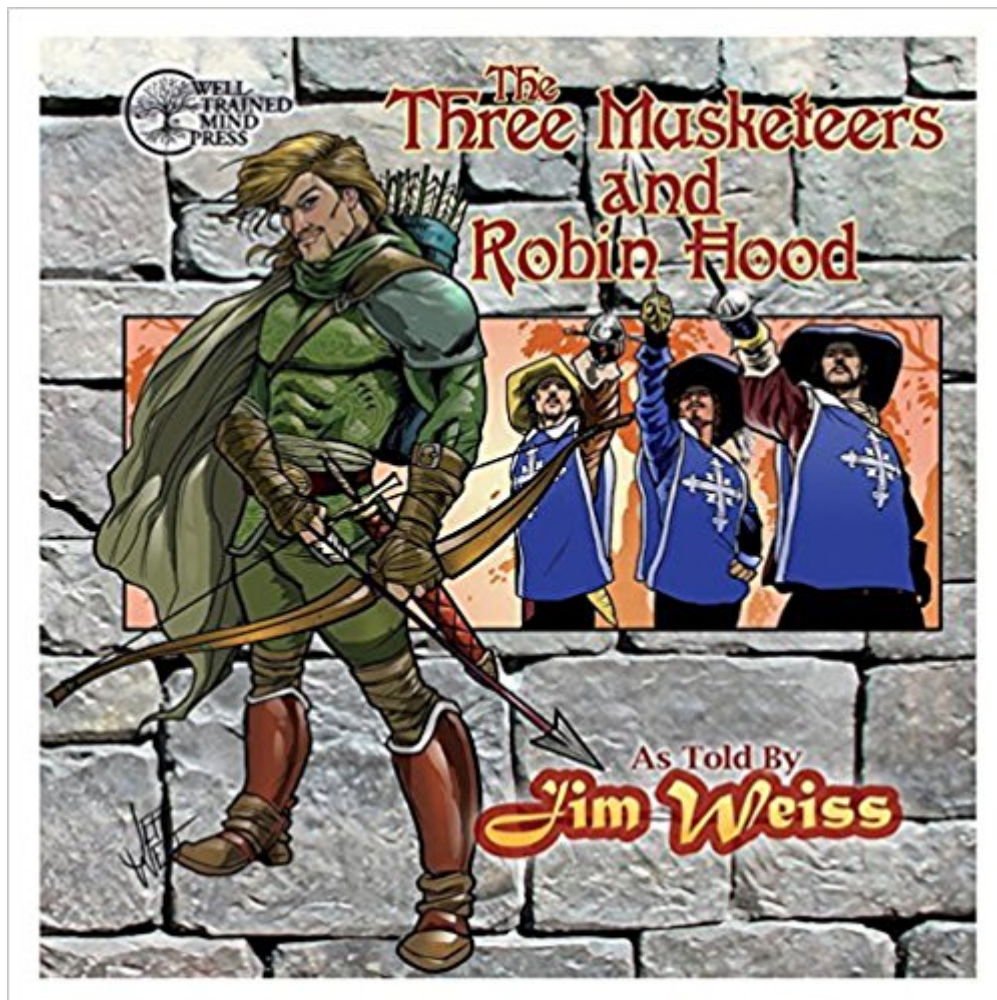


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# The Three Musketeers / Robin Hood



## Synopsis

Two classic adventures in one recording! Violence is downplayed, and the swashbuckling heroes are portrayed as humans with thoughts and feelings.

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## Customer Reviews

Jim Weiss's story recordings and books offer a welcoming doorway into the world's greatest stories from literature and history. His vivid retellings of the classics have received more than one hundred major awards from organizations such as the American Library Association, Parents' Choice Foundation, Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, and Film Advisory Board. More importantly, the stories form the heart of daily learning and meaningful entertainment in households and schools around the world. To hear Jim tell a story is to become swept up in the tale. He includes information about people and events behind the stories, and encourages children to read the original classics, on their own or with the help of more experienced readers. So listeners leave the storyteller's circle inspired to learn even more and to develop their own creative gifts. Jim Weiss believes the joy of reading, writing and creative activity begins in the presence of the storyteller. For performance availability, distribution information, or additional titles, please visit [www.welltrainedmind.com](http://www.welltrainedmind.com) or [www.jimweiss.com](http://www.jimweiss.com).

I have a few of Weiss's read aloud stories, and this was definitely not my favorite. The stories were too short, so it felt like he was cramming in too much and it made it very hard to follow. It was very fragmented. If it was a book written down, it would have been terrible literature. My 7 and 9 year

olds weren't crazy about it either. I would not buy this again.

I bought this book for my granddaughter (6) and my grandson (4). My granddaughter is now reading most children's books and loves to read. She also loves to listen to stories like this. I hope I find more children's stories to choose from. This is a great way to introduce children to all the classics. My grandson is still a little young for the stories, but he still enjoys listening to them.

Hour of classic stories. Great listening for young boys especially.

We have never heard a story from Jim Weiss that we didn't thoroughly enjoy! We have four boys 8 and under.

My eldest son ( 5 years old) loves this audiobook. We have listened to it over and over again. I love the narrator and his attention to detail. It's a great way to introduce a young child to a junior version of a classic story.

We have quite a collection of classics for kids in audiobook form (Generally Naxos Children's Classics) but we also have a great collection of Jim Weiss' storytelling versions of many classics (as well as historical persons). Sometimes, this really fits the bill... in this particular case, my son was familiar with the BBC's most recent rendition of Robin Hood (all very politically correct) but not with the richness of the original, and he wanted to see the latest in Three Musketeers movies (which had the giant air ship) and I was adamant that the answer there was no until he was at least familiar with the original. Jim Weiss does a wonderful job condensing books into a single sit listening without losing the essence of a story and without dumbing them down. This gives them the added benefit of being "bedtime" CDs when I can't be home to read where I know he won't be awake all night listening to something, won't be filling his mind with junk and will still be exposed to a varied vocabulary that encourages him to himself communicate with a broader range of words (and thus to write with a broader vocabulary as well).

We love all audio books read by Jim Weiss! The kids always beg for more stories. Great for long drives.

Weiss comes highly recommended in homeschooling circles. Unlike one reviewer, I don't consider

his voice to be "liquid gold" (for example, I prefer the sound of James Earl Jones) but it really is pleasant to listen to. I've heard samples of his voice before and wasn't overly impressed, given the glowing recommendations, but I found that his voice actually grew on me in this production. He voices characters pretty well, including women, but does not go really into character -- compared to his *Prince & The Pauper* (the only other complete recording of his that I've heard). And this truly is a recording that 5 year olds can comprehend and enjoy. The reason I gave this only four stars, though, is that I found his turn of phrase to be a bit awkward or not to my liking in certain parts. Still, he uses beautiful fluid language for the most part, enunciated clearly and powerfully. Plus, this is definitely much better than a lot of contemporary garbage that's out there (I couldn't help picturing Robin Hood as a fox, hearkening back to the Disney version I saw as a child). I happen to think his *Prince & The Pauper* was done better. As a side note: if you have your children listen to this, you'll probably end up having to discuss the right/wrong of stealing (even if to give back to the poor) in Robin Hood and the clandestine meeting between the Queen and the Duke (and whether that was a worthy cause to risk one's life for) in *The Three Musketeers*, plus the concept of falling "madly and hopelessly in love." These are all worthy discussions but you might want to be prepared in advance.

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