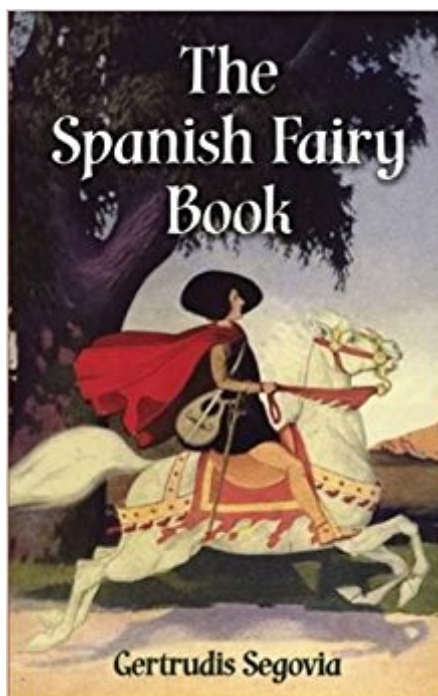


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I found this book abandoned in a give-away pile. one night out of boredom i happened to start reading it and couldn't believe how instantly it sucked me in.the stories - which were all completely unfamiliar to me - are totally dreamy and magical in quality.they are not as grotesque or morbid as many brothers grimm fairy tales. a common and refreshing theme throughout is one of good deeds being rewarded, and bad deeds being punished and/or corrected and learned from.it makes for a wonderfully whimsical and uplifting bedtime read.I want more!

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