



Green Golly & Her Golden Flute is Rapunzel with a twist. Instead of Rapunzel we have Green Golly, named by the witch that took her in after her parents traded her for a salad. Yup, a salad. The story is a lighthearted retelling that offers up the heroine of this tale in a bit of a different light, as well as throws a twist ending in there that kids might enjoy.

The book is 52 pages long and comes with a read along CD that features music from the story and lots of fun character voices to add that extra bit of magic to the tale.

Overall, I thought, without the accompanying CD, that the book was a bit meh. It really relies on the core story of Rapunzel, really feels like a well intentioned story for kids by someone who loves and respects the classic composers, but all together feels like it keeps trying to sell itself all the way through to the end (the story drops the official website address into the story).

With the CD you get to hear the story as it was meant to be heard from the writer and the performers of the music. Mind you, if I had an issue with the story relying to heavily on the tale of Rapunzel, I also had a bit of a quirk with the CD relying on the established music in the story from Mozart and friends.

As a parent I think the idea is fabulous. I'd always tried to broaden my children's minds when it comes to music and, as a parent, I really did find this a decent enough model in doing so. As an individual? I thought the illustrations were great, the twist ending fun, but overall, especially in this day and age when everything else is a remake of some classic tale, do we need to enter that habit in literature?

If you're a parent looking to get your kids into music I think this is a pretty neat little idea. The CD is an opportunity for a family to come together and enjoy one another's company while bonding over the silliness and starting up a conversation about the music. Unfortunately with my kids being quite older I just didn't fall into this demographic. So if it's peaked your interest you might want to check out your local library or if you're sold on the idea the book is available on Amazon now. Enjoy.

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