



Swan Lake

There is a great feast, when Prince Siegfried arrives at the Palace. It is his 21st birthday, and the whole town is celebrating, and all the young girls are trying to catch Siegfried's attention. His mother gives him a beautiful crossbow as a present, and tells him that because he has now come of age, his marriage will be arranged soon. This does not please the young prince, and he rushes off into the woods with his friends. He would far rather be off hunting.

Act 1

Prince Siegfried arrives at a lake in a quiet area in the woods ahead of his friends. He watches the most beautiful swan on the water. It has a crown on its head. As his friends arrive, he sends them off, as he wants to be alone. As the day ends, the swan with the crown becomes the most lovely young woman he has ever laid eyes on. She is Odette, the Swan Queen, who was enchanted by an evil magician, Von Rothbart. Von Rothbart is unfortunately also disguised as the young prince Siegfried's mentor. The swans, and she herself, were all girls that had been turned to swans by this evil sorcerer, and the lake was formed by all the tears shed by the girls' parents. The only way to break the spell, would be by a man, who is pure in heart, pledging his love to her. As the prince is about to pledge his love, he is interrupted by the evil sorcerer. He forces Odette away from the prince's embrace, and forces the other swans to dance on the lake, so that prince Siegfried cannot reach Odette. Prince Siegfried is left alone on the shores of Swan Lake - he is devastated

Act 2

At the palace the next day, it is time for the formal celebration. Prince Siegfried is to choose a bride of the many lovely girls present. He however only remembers the beauty of Odette, and wants no other bride. To keep his mother happy, he dances with all the girls. Rothbart appears with his daughter, Odile, who has been enchanted to look like Odette. As Prince Siegfried dances with her, he falls under her enchantment. As he confesses his love to Odile, the real Odette watches from a window and flees. Too late does Prince Siegfried realise his mistake, as he sees her running away. Rothbart shows who Odile really is, and Prince Siegfried runs after Odette.

Act 3

Prince Siegfried finds Odette at Swan Lake where the other swans are trying to comfort her. When he explains how Rothbart tricked him, Odette forgives Siegfried. At that moment, Rothbart and his daughter arrive, and he insists that Prince Siegfried keep his word and marry Odile. Siegfried however declares his love for Odette, and also declares that he would rather die with Odette, than be married to Odile. After a fight with Rothbart, Odette and Siegfried take hands and jump into the lake, together, and the curse is broken. The other swans turn into girls again, and they drive Rothbart and Odile into the lake after Prince Siegfried and Odette, where they also drown. And the spirits of Odette and Siegfried rise to the heavens above Swan Lake.

Act 4

Instructions:

Stack the pages on top of one another, with the title page on top. Glue the tabs to each other. Glue the whole booklet onto the blank side of The swan lake page. If you want your child to write the story herself, use the blank templates. Let your child write the main ideas from the story onto the appropriate pages.