

Once Upon a Story.....with Jim Weiss

Advertising and TV have trained our kids to look for "NEW" and "FRESH" but have failed to emphasize "DURABLE" and "LONG LASTING." It's a good thing classics never disappear, but keep on telling themselves over and over. Jim Weiss is a traditional kind of storyteller whose tapes lure listeners into timeless stories. Included in his current catalog are Sherlock Holmes tales, Shakespeare for kids, King Arthur stories, Three Musketeers and Robin Hood, Fairytales, Arabian Nights, Old Testament stories, Greek myths, Gulliver's Travels, Kipling's Jungle Book stories, as well as traditional tales from China and Japan, Africa and Arabia. There are goodnight stories that even have a minute of "put you to sleep" music at the end of each tale!

As an adult listener, trapped in the car with youngsters who are raptly attentive to these well-told tales, you will be enchanted by the simple straightforward rendition with no bells and whistles, no wild sound effects, no razzmatazz---just honest, hard-working, sleeves rolled up kind of storytelling that never wears out the listener with cloying or cutesy add-ons that shore up inadequate stories. I'm sure every adult listener has been auditorily assaulted by some tape, somewhere, that was so sickly sweet, so irritating that you wanted to fling it out the car window. You will NEVER find a Jim Weiss tape that you can't listen to a dozen times or more!

The only thing better than Jim Weiss in your car is Jim Weiss live, in performance, on stage at your school, library or community theatre. If you'd like information on booking a show, or to order tapes, call Greathall Productions at 1-800-477-6234.

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