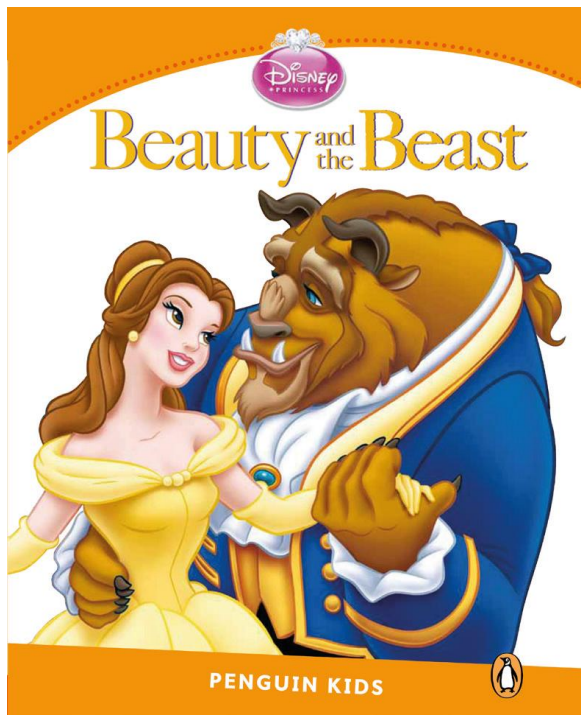


# Beauty and the Beast



An old woman, who is really an enchantress, comes to the door of a young prince's palace and asks for food and shelter. The selfish prince sends her away, but not before she turns him into an ugly Beast, and his servants into household items.

Belle is a smart girl who lives in the nearby town with her father, Maurice. One day, Maurice gets lost in the enchanted forest on his way to

the fair. He reaches the Beast's castle, but the Beast imprisons him. When Belle finds her father, she offers to be the Beast's prisoner in exchange for her father.

Belle makes friends with the "people" in the castle, including Mrs. Potts, who has been turned into a teapot, and Cogsworth, who is a clock. She starts to enjoy life in the castle. The Beast becomes more polite and kind, and Belle likes his company. But she misses her father and, one day, she asks the Beast's permission to go home.

Gaston is an unpleasant young man who is in love with Belle. He has captured her father and believes that Belle will agree to marry him on condition that her father is released. Gaston realizes that Belle likes the Beast, so he goes to the castle and shoots the Beast with an arrow in his back. Belle begs the Beast not to die. The Enchantress's spell is broken by their love for each other, and the Beast is transformed back into a prince. Finally, all the characters in the castle become human again, and everyone is happy.