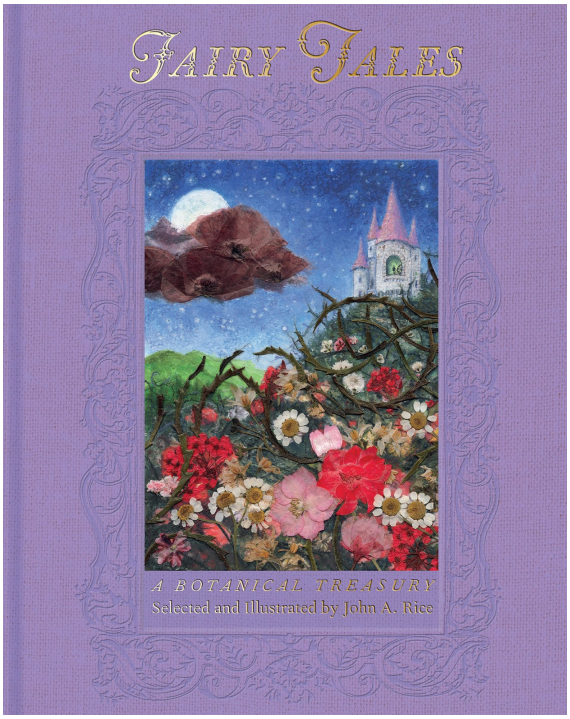
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Fairy Tales

A Botanical Treasury

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- The eagerly awaited new book from John A. Rice, illustrator of *A Christmas Carol* and *October Shadows: Classic Ghost Stories for Halloween*
- A collection of classic fairy tales, brought to life by full-page colour illustrations incorporating pressed flowers and plants
- Includes beloved stories such as *Beauty and the Beast*, as well as lesser-known gems like *Little Ida's Flowers*
- The flowers and plants in the illustrations are chosen for their significance to the stories, and their symbolism
- Handsomely bound in real cloth, with foil stamping and a tip-on
- A springtime delight that reveals how magic and nature are intertwined

A magical garden of classic fairy tales, brought to life by illustrations that combine oil pastel with pressed botanicals.

Fairy Tales: A Botanical Treasury includes eighteen classic tales—from favorites like *The Little Mermaid* and *Sleeping Beauty* to lesser-known gems like *Little Ida's Flowers*—illustrated in a wholly original way by artist John A. Rice. Each tale is paired with a full-page artwork executed in a combination of Rice's signature oil pastels and pressed flowers and plants. This pairing of fairy tales and botanicals is a natural and brilliant one, for fairy tales abound with floral and botanical imagery, rich with metaphor and bridging the natural and the supernatural. Some of the flowers and plants in Rice's illustrations are chosen for their literal presence in the tale—such as juniper, rampion, and rose—while others represent emotions or symbolic transformations within the story: fennel for clarity and protection, nettles for endurance and pain, clover for luck.

Fairy Tales honours its literary heritage by returning to the old-world magic of shared tales, handcraft, and the simple ritual of pressing flowers between pages. Handsomely bound in real cloth, with foil stamping and a tip-on, this book will enchant all lovers of fairy tales, botanical art, and the natural world.

John A. Rice is an award-winning actor, writer, and artist specialising in oil pastels. His work has been sold in over thirty-five countries, and he runs J.A.R. Studio, NYC, out of his workspace in Astoria, NY. He is the creator of the internationally popular *Mindscapes Tarot* and most recently illustrated *Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol* (Abbeville). Rice's mission is "to foster healing, introspection, and creativity through otherworldly art—empowering the internal world so that we can enrich our outer world."

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