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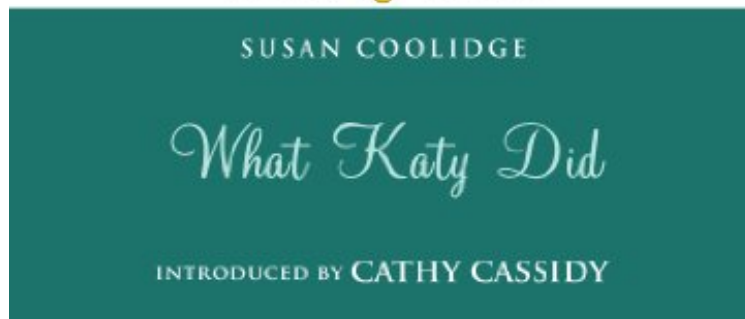
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Von Susan Coolidge

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**Von Susan Coolidge : What Katy Did (Puffin Classics)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What Katy Did (Puffin Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Heart of the HouseVon Ein KundeThis quaint story about a large family of motherless children is something of a sleeper; one suspects that the author was sharing her own childhood memories. Perhaps the events depicted are too naive--the pleasures too simple--to appeal to modern girls used to teenage lingo and fast-paced action. It is confusing to sort out the many Carr children (whose names do not always indicate their gender). For Katy grew up in a kinder, gentler era, when people respected the role of the Family. Katy is the eldest of Dr. Carr's children: headstrong, reckless, with a vivid imagination, who dreams of becoming an author someday. Despite her private goal of becoming

ladylike and graceful, her temper and lingering tomboyhood result in one devastating tumble from a forbidden swing. She lacks the patience and prudence to behave as her ideal young woman, but how can she realize this goal as an invalid? Katy is tormented by both physical and emotional pain as a consequence of her selfishness and abrupt behavior. During her prolonged recovery, Katy must learn some difficult lessons in the school of Life, from two very different "teachers." Every person should be so blessed as to have a Cousin Helen, who has learned the secret of validating Others.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Lovely - just what books in this genre should beVon Ein KundeThe Carrs have always been my family friends, so to speak... I recently re-read this book, having loved it as a pre-teen, and I found out that it was still able to make me laugh and cry. The plot follows the growth of young Katy, focusing on her unfortunate accident and the consequences it has on her and her family.Naturally, a part of my strongly positive reaction was nostalgia, but nevertheless this is a beautifully written story, both moving and humorous, full of imaginative magic and the cosy warmth of a loving home at the same time. The characters are lovable and memorable - is there a girl who couldn't identify herself with the clumsy, unfortunate Katy or admire the saint-like, yet fully human cousin Helen?At the risk of sounding like a walking cliché, I must say that they just don't write books like this any longer: clean, wholesome and still totally satisfying and entertaining. But even if the whole world ran after the latest shock values, I would always be coming back to books like these - books for a girl who loves to read.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great book... Fun for anyone over fifth gradeVon Ein KundeI LOVED this book. No really I couldn't set it down. The first in the series of books about the Carr family this book was an enduring reminder of the love that one can build for themselves even with some type of handicap. The caricatures are so realistic that at times they seem to jump out of the page at you. Anyone can relate to this story and make connections between themselves and loved ones to this book.The reading level is about right for anyone in the fifth grade to adulthood. In truth although I am far beyond that grade, I found the book to be quite satisfying and without many flaws

KurzbeschreibungWhat Katy Did by Susan Coolidge is a classic much loved by adults and children alike. Katy Carr intends to be beautiful and beloved and as sweet as an angel one day. For now, though, her hair is forever in a tangle, her dress is always torn and she doesn't care at all for being called 'good'. But then a terrible accident happens and Katy must find the courage to remember her daydreams and the delightful plans she once schemed; for when she is grown up she wants to do something grand . . .A wonderful, family story, with an inspiring introduction from the hugely popular Cathy Cassidy.\*\*\*PLUS a behind-the-scenes journey, including an author profile, a guide to who's who, activities and more . . .\*\*\*Susan Coolidge (1835-1905) was born Sarah Chauncey Woolsey in Ohio, USA. She worked as a nurse during the American Civil War, after which she started to write. She is best known for her classic children's novel What Katy Did , which was modelled on her own family, and its four sequels: What Katy Did at School, What Katy Did Next, Clover and In the High Valley. 'The Puffin Classics series is a perfect marriage of the old and the new. Enjoy some of the best books from the past and find out why and how they inspired some of the best writers of the present' - Julia Eccleshare, LoveReading4kidsFrom School Library JournalGrade 5-8-Twelve-year-old Katy is constantly making and quickly breaking resolutions about how she will change her ways and treat others, especially her five younger brothers and sisters, with more respect and compassion. When Katy meets her Cousin Helen, an invalid, Katy is awed by her kindness, prettiness, and generosity. Katy is determined to become more like Helen, a resolution that lasts only a few hours. Soon, however, Katy gets a chance to become more like cousin Helen than she ever wished as she finds herself confined to her bedroom for four years as a result of an accident. Much of the story is focused on the change Katy undergoes during her illness. Helen visits again to advise Katy to learn from her experience and to try to become the center of the house by making her room and herself more attractive to others. One way Katy decides to take Helen's advice is through assuming the responsibility of running the house, a job that consists of giving the servants instructions and ringing her bell to summon her sisters when she has a task for them. As soon as Katy has learned the lesson about how to care for others, she recovers and regains the ability to walk. Barbara Caruso's expressive narration is well done. She has given each character a distinct voice that helps portray his or her personality. This is a lengthy audiobook, but Caruso's pleasant narration helps to keep listeners' interest. Written by Susan Coolidge (Viking Penguin pap. 1997) and originally published in 1872, this work is dated and offers a limited vision of the roles of girls and women within the world and the family. Although there are moments of good storytelling, this title is too dated to be recommended for purchase.Erin Drankwalter Wyatt, Palombi School, Lake Villa, IL Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.Pressestimmen "This book really got me hooked while she struggled and was happy. I recommend it to all children and I hope you enjoy it too!" --Alice Brown, aged 10, Guardian