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Thumbelina



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Synopsis

Born from a flower, tiny Thumbelina faces great challenges in the natural world before discovering the realm of the fairies—her true home.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
3-6 years	Classic	4 min

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Born from the bud of a magical flower, delicate Thumbelina was no bigger than a thumb. She lived happily in a little house made from a walnut shell, until one night she was carried off by a toad who wanted her to marry his son by the lake.



With the help of some kind little fish, Thumbelina managed to escape from the giant water-lily leaf. She drifted along the river and was eventually rescued by a beetle, but soon found herself all alone in the vast, frightening forest.



When the harsh winter arrived, the little girl nearly froze. She found shelter in the burrow of a field mouse, who took care of her in exchange for help with household chores during the coldest days.





While in the burrow, Thumbelina discovered a swallow lying on the ground, barely alive. With great tenderness, she secretly nursed the little bird back to health throughout the winter, until it regained the strength to fly once more.



The field mouse wanted her to marry a grumpy mole who lived in the darkness. Desperate to escape this joyless union, the girl asked the swallow for help; the bird carried her away to a distant, sun-drenched kingdom.



Upon arriving in a field of flowers, Thumbelina met the prince of the fairies, who was her size and had transparent wings. She was gifted her own pair of wings, found her true home, and lived happily ever after.



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