

### The Little Red Cape

Once upon a time, there was an elderly woman who lived in the forest. Her cottage sat beneath three large oak trees. Built from wood, with green painted trim, the cottage blended into the trees. It did not matter that the cottage was small, she did not need much space. The woman spent most of her time outside. She liked to tend the wildflowers and the vegetables in her garden.

A kindly woodcutter lived in a house just beyond the forest. Sometimes he passed the elderly woman-s cottage on his way to harvest some trees. He waved to the woman if he saw her in the garden. He always made sure she had enough wood for a fire at night. However, he worried about her safety because wily wolves haunted the nearby forest.

The woman-s granddaughter came to visit her often. The little girl always brought treats with her on baking day. In return, the woman told the little girl stories. She told her about the fairies and magical creatures who lived in the woods. The grandmother and the little girl loved each other very much.