

Thank you for purchasing Homeschooling with a Touch of Class copywork. I hope that you find this work beneficial for your children. It is my desire to provide you with not only good copywork material, but also valuable tools to assist you in using it with your children. For that reason, I have included such information as some background on the text, suggestions for use, and a list of classical music for your children to listen to while copying. I hope that these extras help make the copywork a more enjoyable experience for your children.

## About Raggedy Ann

*Raggedy Ann Stories* was first published in 1918. It was written and illustrated by talented cartoonist Johnny Gruelle. Gruelle was inspired to write the book by certain events that took place in his home. According to legend, Gruelle's daughter, Marcella, discovered a worn out rag doll in her Grandmother's attic and brought it down for her father to see. Her father drew a new smile on the doll's face and suggested she be called Raggedy Ann. In another account, Gruelle's wife, Myrtle, claimed that Johnny himself had discovered the doll and had brought it to his daughter. Whatever the truth may be, we do know that Marcella did have an old rag doll named Raggedy Ann. When she was a teen, she became sick from an infection she had contracted from a vaccination. While she lay in bed, her father told her stories about Raggedy Ann to keep her spirits up. Those tales became the inspiration for the adventures in *Raggedy Ann Stories* as well as other books written by Gruelle. Sadly, Marcella died from the infection before the books were published.

Johnny Gruelle believed in creating ethical books for children as is apparent by his motto:

*It is the Gruelle ideal that books for children should contain nothing to cause fright, suggest fear, glorify mischief, excuse malice or condone cruelty. That is why they are called "Books Good For Children".*

As he stated, his books contain nothing cruel nor malicious. On the contrary, they convey such virtues as love, joy, forgiveness, peace and trustworthiness as well as other valuable morals to share with your children.

## About This Book

This copywork book contains a collection of quotes from Gruelle's book *Raggedy Ann Stories*. Some of these phrases show the virtues that Gruelle believed in teaching children. Others relate parts of the adventures that Raggedy Ann had. All are intended to be good quality copywork for your child.

Also included are black and white reproductions of Johnny Gruelle's original drawings. These have been hand-drawn to make the lines as neat as possible for your child to color.

Besides the illustrations, you'll find that there are some areas of white space beneath the text



“Oh, Grandma! Thank you ever and ever so much!” Marcella cried as she gave Grandma a hug and kiss. “Raggedy Ann and I will have just loads of fun.”





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