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"Another standard from the Caldecott Award-winning d'Aulaires, *The Terrible Troll-Bird* (also first published in 1955), tells how a group of Norwegian villagers defeated the titular avian (effectively a huge rooster intent on stealing livestock) and its owners, a pair of nasty trolls." --*Publishers Weekly*

"The d'Aulaires were, of course, the singularly gifted author-illustrators, creators, by the score, of timeless children's books...a number of their books...are still in print, classics that make for perfect gifts each and every year." --*Smithsonian Magazine*

About the Author

Edgar Parin d'Aulaire (1898—1986) studied art in Germany and France, and worked with Henri Matisse. In Munich, he met **Ingri Mortenson** (1904—1980), a Norwegian-born art student. They married, emigrated to the US, and began a long career together, during which they published over twenty picture books for children. *The Magic Rug* was followed by *Ola* and *East of the Sun and West of the Moon*, both of which describe Norwegian folklore. Their work shifted to American history with *Abraham Lincoln*, a biography which won the 1940 Caldecott Medal. The d'Aulaires were awarded the Regina Medal from the Catholic Library Association in 1970.

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