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From Publishers Weekly

Aiken's 1968 collection of eight tales, *A Necklace of Raindrops and Other Stories*, infused with magic (such as flying carpets, an oversize cat and a house that rests "on one leg") returns with more than 60 new b&w illustrations by Kevin Hawkes.

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From [Booklist](#)

Gr. 4-6, younger for reading aloud. The pleasure of seeing this excellent short-story collection back in print is heightened by the addition of Kevin Hawkes' new black-and-white artwork. Many of the drawings are strongly reminiscent of Wanda Gag's illustration. In fact, the publishers' note on Hawkes mentions that he created these pictures "in the tradition of *The Story of Ferdinand* and *Millions of Cats*." A typical double-page spread includes one or two drawings, well-shaded, rounded, and full of lively details. Combining elements of folklore with her own inventive touches, Aiken transports readers to places where tigers talk to little girls; people travel by trains, flying carpets, and even flying pies; and magic has a way of bringing justice to the world. With its fine-tuned combination of folklore and fun, this collection is a good source of imaginative tales to read alone or aloud. *Carolyn Phelan*

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Review

"Magic has never been more elegantly shaped than in these effervescent short stories ... The flight of imagination is delicately captured in Jan Pienkowski's accompanying silhouettes" -- Julia Eccleshare Guardian "A Necklace of Raindrops is something that should be on every child's shelf" -- Amanda Craig The Times "A little dark and often surreal" -- Lydia Fulton Financial Times "Jan Pienkowski, whose magical silhouettes were never so finely matched as with the wonderful Joan Aiken's fine short stories ... A treat" Evening Standard

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