

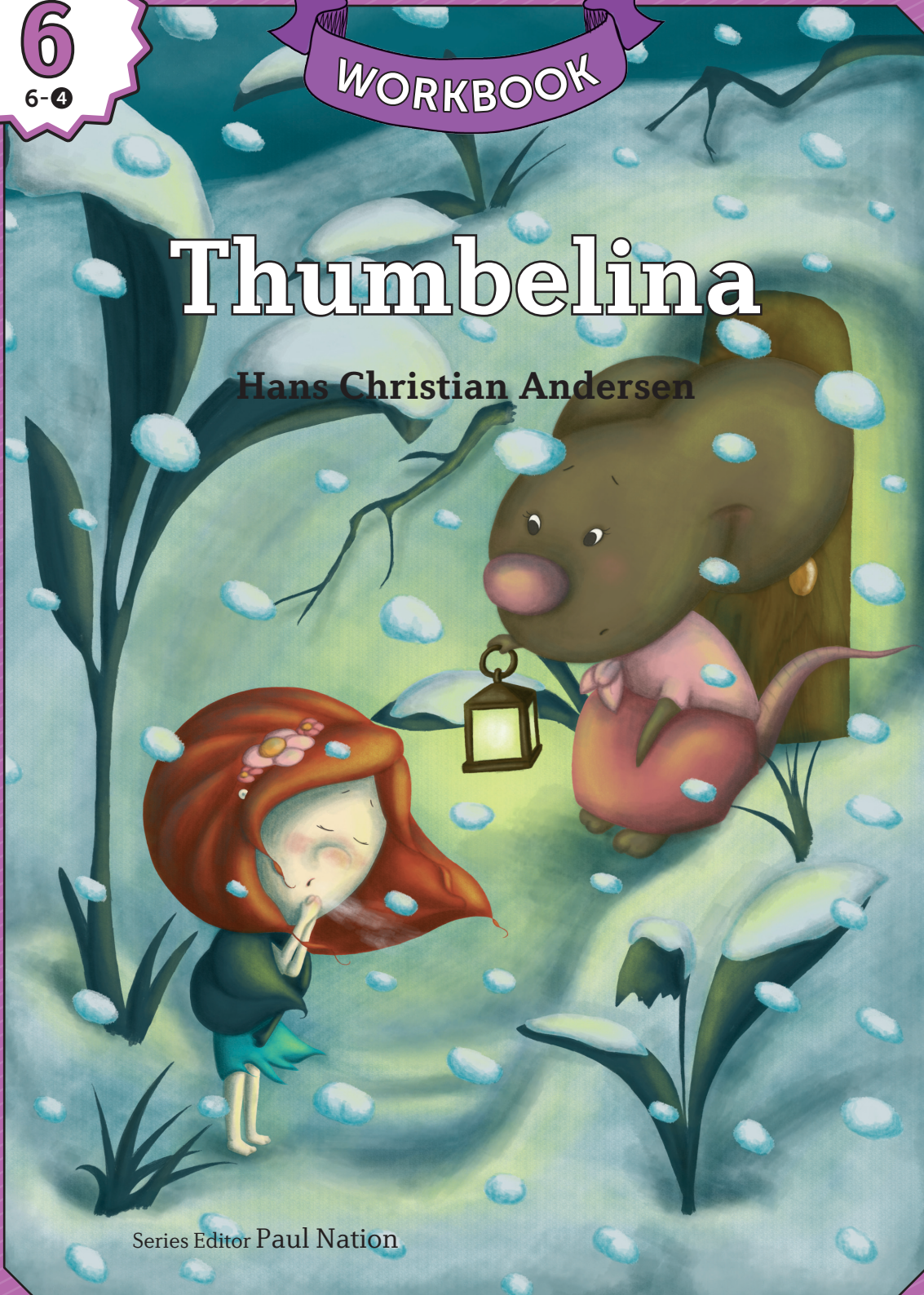
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WORKBOOK

Thumbelina

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Reading Activities

[Chapter 1] Kidnapped!

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think will be kidnapped?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 7. What do you see?
- 3 Do you think the woman in the illustration is the mother of the small girl? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

How small was Thumbelina?

- a. She was about as long as a thumb.
- b. She was about half as long as a thumb.
- c. She was about half as long as a pencil.

B. Put a check next to the correct information.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The fairy gave a woman a magical seed. | <input type="checkbox"/> The woman wished for a child. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The seed grew to a small tree. | <input type="checkbox"/> The fairy named the tiny girl Thumbelina. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thumbelina was kind. | <input type="checkbox"/> The toad brought Thumbelina to her son. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thumbelina slept in a walnut shell. | <input type="checkbox"/> The toad placed Thumbelina on a walnut shell. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The toad had a son. | <input type="checkbox"/> Thumbelina wanted to be the toad's wife. |

[Chapter 2] Floating and Flying

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Where is Thumbelina?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 10. How does Thumbelina feel?
- 3 What are the fish doing in the illustration? Why?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

How did the fish help Thumbelina?

- a. They ate the stem of the water lily leaf.
- b. They gathered together and pushed the leaf.
- c. They swam away with Thumbelina.

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

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| 1. "She has only two legs! How ugly!" • | • the fish |
| 2. "He'll be your husband." • | • the large bug |
| 3. "No! It must never be!" • | • the toad's son |
| 4. "You're very pretty, though not in the least like a bug." • | • the toad |
| 5. "Croak, croak" • | • the other bugs |

[Chapter 3] The Field Mouse and the Mole

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think the field mouse will do for Thumbelina?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 13. What is happening?
- 3 Do you think the field mouse will help Thumbelina?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did the field mouse ask Thumbelina to do?

- a. She asked Thumbelina to keep her rooms clean and sing to her.
- b. She asked Thumbelina to keep her rooms clean and tell stories to her.
- c. She asked Thumbelina to keep her rooms clean and cook for her.

B. Put what happened to Thumbelina in order from 1 to 7.

- Thumbelina lived alone in the forest during the whole summer and autumn. _____
- Thumbelina did not feel at all interested in the neighbor. _____
- Thumbelina walked and walked and came to the house of a field mouse. _____
- Thumbelina sang to the mole. _____
- Thumbelina did all that the field mouse asked her to do. _____
- Thumbelina asked for some food. _____
- Thumbelina felt cold. _____

[Chapter 4] The Underground Path

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think the underground path is for?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 16. What is Thumbelina doing?
- 3 Do you think Thumbelina will help the bird? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did Thumbelina do when she saw the sparrow?

- a. She said, "He will sing no more now."
- b. She turned away.
- c. She stooped down and stroked the swallow's feathers.

B. Write the information in the right sentence.

blanket/spread swallow/forest stooped/stroked

Seeing the swallow

The dead _____ was one of Thumbelina's friends from the _____.



When the two others had turned away, she _____ down and _____ the swallow's feathers.



She made a large _____ of grass and carried it to the bird to _____ it over him.

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think Thumbelina will do for the swallow?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 19. How does the swallow feel?
- 3 Do you think the swallow will live? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What was wrong with the swallow?

- a. He was hungry.
- b. He had wounded one of his wings.
- c. He was very hot.

B. Put the information in the right place.

Taking care of the swallow ...

1. First, ____ 2. Next, ____ 3. After that, ____ 4. In the end, ____

- a. Thumbelina did not tell the mole or the field mouse anything about it.
- b. Thumbelina opened the hole in the ceiling so the swallow could fly away.
- c. Thumbelina took courage and wrapped the swallow carefully in the blanket.
- d. Thumbelina nursed the swallow with care and love.

[Chapter 6] An Unwanted Wedding

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who will get married in Chapter 6?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 22. How does Thumbelina feel?
- 3 Do you think Thumbelina will get married? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Why did Thumbelina creep out the door every day?

- a. She hoped to see the swallow.
- b. She wanted to see the flowers.
- c. She wanted to see the sunlight.

B. Write the information in the right place.

- ★ said the mole was rich
- ★ did not want to marry the mole
- ★ hoped to see the swallow
- ★ didn't like the mole
- ★ thought the mole was very handsome
- ★ thought marrying the mole was good fortune

Thumbelina

The field mouse

[Chapter 7] A Warmer Country

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Thumbelina will see the swallow again? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 25. What do you see in the illustration?
- 3 Do you think will Thumbelina be happy in a warmer country?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Where did Thumbelina and the swallow fly?

- a. They flew to Thumbelina's old house.
- b. They flew to a river.
- c. They flew to the warmer countries.

B. Put the story in order from 1 to 7.

- They reached the warm countries. _____
- Thumbelina told the swallow about her wedding. _____
- The swallow was delighted to see Thumbelina. _____
- Thumbelina seated herself on the bird's back. _____
- The swallow rose in the air and flew over forests and seas. _____
- "Will you go with me?" asked the swallow. _____
- At last they came to a blue lake shaded by trees. _____

[Chapter 8] The Fairy Kingdom

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Where do you think the fairy kingdom is?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 29. Who do you think Thumbelina is meeting?
- 3 What do you think will happen to Thumbelina?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Why did the prince of the fairies ask Thumbelina to marry him?

- a. Because she was beautiful and sang sweetly.
- b. Because she was kind to the swallow and saved him.
- c. Because she was small like the prince.

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. The prince of fairies had wings on his shoulders. _____
2. Thumbelina's best wedding gift was a pair of beautiful wings. _____
3. The swallow could not sing at Thumbelina's wedding. _____
4. The prince's mother gave Thumbelina a new name. _____
5. The prince was sad when he saw Thumbelina. _____
6. Each of the fairies brought Thumbelina a present. _____
7. Thumbelina married the swallow. _____
8. The prince's mother hugged the swallow. _____