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Abstract

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Fleischman, Sid. 1997. *The Ghost on Saturday Night*. Illustrated by Laura Cornell. NY: Greenwillow Books, \$15.00. ISBN: 0-688-14919-7. 64 pp.

This is one of several Sid Fleischman books to be rereleased after its original publication in 1974. It is the humorous and fast-paced story of Opie a young boy who has the knack to direct people through town in the California tule fog. It is because of this ability that he is able to save the town from Professor, the famous ghost raiser, and get the horse and saddle he has been wanting. The illustrations are black and white cartoon like drawings which enhance the humor delightfully.

Stanley, Diane. 1997. *Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter*. NY: Morrow Junior Books, \$15.00. ISBN: 0-688-14327-X. 32 pp.

In this continuation of the Rumpelstiltskin story, Diane Stanley weaves in both words and gouache, colored pencil and collage artwork the wonderful story of a rich and powerful king and a seemingly helpless young woman, Rumpelstiltskin's daughter. However, she is not helpless at all, but rather incredibly resourceful though unlike her father she has no magic and cannot turn the straw into gold. But, she can and does turn the greedy and loathsome king into a ruler of goodwill and charity. In the bargain, Rumpelstiltskin's daughter becomes Prime Minister of the country.