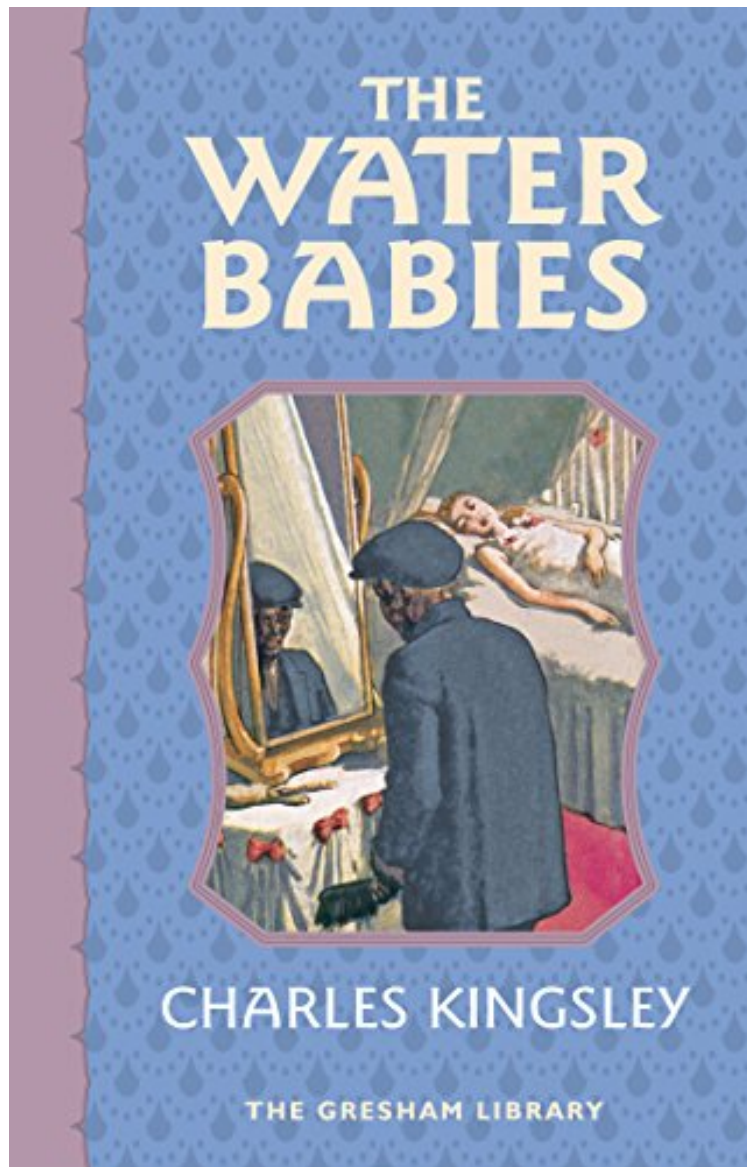


## The Water Babies

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Attitden und Botschaften, die dieses Buch im Original mal inne hatte. Fr Studenten demnach ein ziemlicher Griff ins Klo.0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Water Babies Von A. Longali Dieses Buch wurde als Geschenk gekauft, also daher kann ich nichts zu dem Inhalt sagen, aber allein schon das Deckblatt hat mir so gut gefallen und ich glaube, dass es ein zauberhaftes Buch fr Kinder ist.11 von 11 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Do NOT buy this abridged version! Von Paul B. Kingsley's novel is brilliant--it's a fantastic and difficult read for both children and adults. But do NOT buy the abridged version (Puffin). One thing that is taken out is Kingsley's many sarcastic references to American democracy. The publishers have taken out the anti-American sentiment to sell more copies to Americans--this is, of course, a very American thing to do, and it's this sort of thing that led to Kingsley's satire in the first place. I would suggest that publishers stop mutilating books and start reading them. I certainly hope people will stop buying the abridged version. I note, by the way, that the anti-Irish sections are left untouched. Here are some passages--page numbers are to the excellent Oxford World's Classics version, ed. Brian Alderson (1995): "But he [Cousin Cramchild] was raised in a country where little boys are not expected to be respectful, because all of them are as good as the President." (85) "Being quite comfortable is a very good thing; but it does not make people good. Indeed, it sometimes makes them naughty, as it has made the people in America . . ." (115) "But they were true republicans, those hoodies, who do every one just what he likes, and make other people do so too; so that, for any freedom of speech, thought, or action, which is allowed among them, they might as well be American citizens of the new school." (141) "So she packs them [the sperm whales] away in a great pond by themselves at the South Pole, two hundred and sixty-three miles south-east of Mount Erebus, the great volcano in the ice; and there they butt each other with their ugly noses, day and night from year's end to year's end. And if they think that sport--why, so do their American cousins." (147) There are others.

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