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“**The Wonderful Adventures of Nils**” is on the list of Le Monde’s **100 best books** of the 20th century.

The book starts with a dwarf putting a spell on Nils, because he is only up for mischief. Suddenly he is shrunk to the size of a thumb and now belongs to the small and weak ones. Nils goes on a journey across Sweden with a goose named Martin, where he experiences lots of wonderful adventures.

Selma Lagerlöf manages to capture the atmosphere of nature in a unique way and received the **Nobel Prize in Literature** for her efforts. There are passages within the book that are funny, such as the way the roosters name their farms: “This place is called Grainscarce” or “The name of this place is Little-to-eat” at poor farmers’ estates or “Eggberga, Moneyville and Luckymeadow” at the richer farmers’. However, there are also more serious passages that describe the poverty of children begging through the country. You won’t forget the story of Gorgo the Eagle, who is being raised by geese matriarch Akka, or when Nils rescues Akka from the fox followed by the geese’s revenge; or the fight for Glimminge Castle between the gray and black rats.

These stories won’t get boring, even when reading them multiple times, and they make learning English interesting.

The book is suitable for young and old alike and also for parents who would like to learn German together with their children. Maybe you can learn German together (depending on the age of the child). Or you brush up your German with this bilingual edition.

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- The original text and the literary translation are **placed in parallel vertical columns side by side**.
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- To be able to look them up faster the **sentences are alternately colored**.
- So you can truly enjoy the story since **you need only a split second to check the translation**.
- The **German translation is very close to the English original**. This makes understanding simple and lookup of difficult words fast.
- It makes it very **suitable for learning both German and English**.
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Extensive reading means reading a lot in a foreign language. It is not important to understand every word.

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