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How Rumpelstiltskin's daughter sets things to rights in the troubled kingdom, while achieving a unique place for herself, makes for a wise and witty tale of kindness and cleverness rewarded. Diane Stanley's wickedly funny text and zesty illustrations put a delightful new spin on a classic fairy tale.

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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

The children's classic "Rumpelstiltskin" undergoes an attitude update in *Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter* by Diane Stanley. Yes, the king imprisons the miller's daughter Meredith and threatens death if she doesn't spin mountains of gold, but this time it's a kind and cute, not a troll-like and evil Rumpelstiltskin who rescues Meredith from the king's wrath. Rumpelstiltskin's heartfelt request for Meredith's first child as payment for the spun gold is accompanied by promises that he will read to the child and even coach Little League! Meredith cannot resist such promises, and the two escape from the palace, marry the next day, and settle on a farm far from the king. The story picks up some 16 years later. Meredith and Rumpelstiltskin have a "sunny and clever" daughter named Hope who delights in traveling to town to sell the golden coins spun by her father. On one such trip the greedy king crosses Hope's path and, after spying the gold coins, sets her to spinning gold in a cold palace cell. Hope cooks up a plan that results in prosperity for the people of the kingdom and her appointment as prime minister. Diane Stanley's irresistible prose and detailed illustrations make *Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter* a golden yarn that's sure to be spun over and over. (Age 5 and older)

From Publishers Weekly

This miller's daughter can't imagine why anyone would want to marry the money-loving king, and proposes marriage to the short little man who has saved her life. In a starred review, PW said, "Stanley blazes a new path for herself in this effervescent revisionist fairy tale, and the results are stunning." Ages 5-up. (June)
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From School Library Journal

Grade 2-4?The feisty offspring of the miller's daughter and Rumpelstiltskin outwits the greedy king, who is still intent on having more riches. No fool's gold here-Stanley spins pure fun.

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