

**Baby's Classics: Dracula****A. H. Hill****Greg Paprocki, Illustrator**

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The Baby's Classics series takes a turn for the Gothic in *Dracula*, based on Bram Stoker's brooding tale. The core components remain in place, with Jonathan and his fiancée, Mina, visiting the creepy count in his crumbling castle, but the story takes a charming, age-appropriate turn: Count Dracula needs their help to stop scaring away potential friends. The color palette retains the story's Gothic sensibilities with rich purples and emerald greens, while expressive characters mellow the spooky setting.

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