

A Summary of *Handsome Is...*

This story is like *Snow White*. When the prince kisses the cursed princess, she wakes up and they have a happy ending. In this story, the prince, Lance, is proud of being very handsome. He admires his natural good look and thinks he is the handsomest prince in the entire kingdom (on page 2, *Handsome Is . . .*) He goes for a ride in a forest, but he gets lost around a cottage. He goes into the cottage because of a strange notice, saying, "One true prince for magical change" (on page 3, *Handsome Is . . .*) To help Ida and to prove himself a true prince, Lance works hard every day through difficult chores, such as hauling water, chopping wood, hoeing the garden, milking the goat, etc. He has kissed the toad for three weeks, but it is still a toad. He wonders whether he is not handsome enough to make a magical change. However, he is not discouraged then he works hard and tries to improve himself through his own efforts. His kindness to old Ida makes her become a young, beautiful girl. I think Lance's efforts enrich himself and make his temperament better. Finally, his kindness and love make him incredibly handsome.