



POSUDEK VEDOUcíHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura** (dvouoborové studium)

Název práce:

Fairytales reinvented: How the heroines shape their own destiny in Robin McKinley's fairy tale retellings "Beauty", "Rose Daughter" and "Deerskin"

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1. Short characteristics of the thesis

Helena Konopiská's thesis deals with a popular genre of contemporary literature, the so-called *fairy tale retellings*. The introduction talks about the life and work of the analysed author, the American writer Robin McKinley (b.1952). The main body of the text focuses on the actual comparison of the „original“ or classical versions of three major fairy tales, namely *Beauty and the Beast* (1978), *Rose Daughter* (1997) and *Deerskin* (1993). It focuses on the shifting emphases of the author and the modern adaptation of the stories. Thus it shows the vitality of these old folklore and pseudo-folklore narratives as patterns and forms that transform and re-contextualize in time.

2. Overall assessment

The thesis is presented in a systematic form. The author carefully compares the two versions and points out the way McKinley works with the "original" imagination of the fairy tales. It also consults sufficient number of secondary sources. Nevertheless, the author perhaps spends too much time retelling the stories and commenting upon them. This is understandable in terms of the method of the thesis. However, certain things could have been dealt with in a more "theoretical" way and the thesis could have focused on wider considerations in relation to this type of literature, too. This would have prepared the ground for a more comprehensive conclusion. However, these are just suggestions for the future, should the work be expanded upon in the years to come.

Nevertheless, the work is a successful attempt, meeting the requirements for a B.A. thesis.

I **do recommend** the thesis for the defence and propose the following grade: **excellent (výborně)**.

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Podpis