

Beauty and the Beast is the story of an intelligent, rather dreamy-headed girl named Belle, who lives in a small village with her aging father, who is a somewhat fumbling inventor. He spends all day making strange machines that often don't work.

One day he decides to travel to the fair to demonstrate his latest invention, but gets lost on the way. He comes to the creepy castle of the Beast, who traps the old man in a rather nasty prison. Belle hurriedly comes looking for her father and exchanges herself for her father, who is ill. The Beast treats her badly at first, but eventually falls in love with her.

Meanwhile she learns of a legend surrounding the lonely Beast. He must be truly loved by someone in order for the awful spell of his ugliness to be broken. Belle learns to love him enormously, but not before the Beast's castle is stormed by a horribly jealous character named Gaston. Gaston stabs the Beast, fatally wounding him. The Beast shoves Gaston to his death off the battlements, but then gasps his last, long breath and promptly dies. Belle kisses him, and the Beast comes back to life as an unbelievably handsome prince. The prince, Belle and her father live happily ever after.