**Fairy Tales**  
(and Fractured Fairy Tales)

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<td>While Lucy tries to read to her dog Mr. Barker, he runs off and she ends up chasing him through a fairy tale world where she helps Goldilocks, Jack, the Three Little Pigs, and Sleeping Beauty escape from their enemies.</td>
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<td>A tiny girl no bigger than a thumb is stolen by a great ugly toad and subsequently has many adventures and makes many animal friends, before finding the perfect mate in a warm and beautiful southern land.</td>
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<td>A strange little man helps the miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.</td>
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<td>Two rascally weavers convince the emperor they are making him beautiful new clothes, visible only to those fit for their posts, but during a royal procession in which he first wears them, a child whispers that the emperor has nothing on.</td>
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<td>In this take on &quot;The Ugly Duckling,&quot; a tyrannosaurus rex is hatched in a nest of ducklings. Includes facts about dinosaurs.</td>
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<td>An easy retelling of the tale of twelve princesses who dance secretly all night long and how their secret is eventually discovered.</td>
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<td>An easy-to-read retelling of the classic tale of a tailor whose boast about killing seven flies at one blow leads him to even greater feats.</td>
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<td>Set in the ocean off Japan, this retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears stars Kiniro, a mermaid, who finds a baby octopus's breakfast, chair, and bed just right.</td>
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<td>Presents a re-telling of the well-known fairy tale of a young girl feels a pea through twenty mattresses and twenty featherbeds and proves she is a real princess.</td>
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<td>When the glass kingdom begins cracking, the king and queen fail in their quest to get help from the fairy Bloom, who can work great magic but was banished because of her muddy boots and messiness, so they send Genevieve, an ordinary girl who will do what it takes to save the day.</td>
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A rhyming twist on a classic fairy tale in which a queen places a pea under a young lady's mattress to see if she is truly a princess.


A retelling of a fairy tale follows a young man who becomes a princess' unlikely suitor when the king and queen issue a decree that whoever presents them with the most wonderful thing in the world will win their daughter's hand in marriage.


Recasts in an African setting the familiar fairy tale in which a beautiful girl with extraordinarily long hair is imprisoned in a lonely tower by a witch.


A sweet little girl meets a hungry wolf in the forest while on her way to visit her grandmother.


Emrick the shoemaker can barely afford food for himself and his wife, but they give far more than they take. One day, Emrick's generosity compels him to trade a pair of shoes for a beautiful woodlands painting. He hangs the curious work of art on the wall and goes to sleep hungry. The next morning, he awakens to find a beautifully-crafted pair of shoes resting upon his desk. Later that night, Emrick and his wife watch from the shadows as several tiny elves emerge from inside the magical painting!


Retells the orchestral fairy tale in which a boy ignores his grandfather's warnings and captures a wolf with the help of a bird, a duck, and a cat.


In this version of Little Red Riding Hood, set on the African plains, Little Red realizes what the Very Hungry Lion is up to, and teaches him a lesson before generously sharing her donuts with him.
On her way to Grandma's house, Little Red meets a wolf. Which might scare some little girls. But not this little girl. She knows just what the wolf is up to, and she's not going to let him get away with it.

**FICTION**


In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.


When sixteen-year-old Mira runs away to discover her secret past, she finds a place where Grimm's fairy tales come to life, and she cannot avoid her accursed fate.


Pinmei, a storyteller's granddaughter, must find the Luminous Stone that Lights the Night to rescue her grandmother, who has been kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor.


A magical amulet brings power and despair to those who touch it.


The scene: New York City. The dazzling lights cast shadows that grow ever darker as the glitzy prosperity of the Roaring Twenties screeches to a halt. Enter a cast of familiar characters: a young girl, Samantha White, returning after being sent away by her cruel stepmother, the Queen of the Follies, years earlier; her father, the King of Wall Street, who survives the stock market crash only to suffer a strange and sudden death; seven street urchins, brave protectors for a girl as pure as snow; and a mysterious stock ticker that holds the stepmother in its thrall, churning out ticker tape imprinted with the wicked words "Another . . . More Beautiful . . . KILL."

The tale of Sinbad the sailor, who goes to sea in search of great riches and discovers even greater adventures. On his seven treacherous voyages, the Persian explorer braves a shipwreck, fights off savage cannibals, and battles a giant cyclops, hoping to survive and tell his legendary story.


Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.


Based on a set of unfinished Mark Twain notes for a children's story, this is the tale of Johnny, a young boy with a magical ability to speak to animals who sets off to rescue a stolen prince.

**NONFICTION**


In this Cajun version of "Jack and the Beanstalk," a handful of magic beans takes Jacques up through the clouds to the castle of a hungry giant.


Once upon a time in the middle of a thick and mysterious forest stood a strange tree house, the home of a little wolf known to everyone as "little red wolf.


Retells the classic German version of Snow White, together with three similar tales--Marigo of the Forty Dragons from Albania, The Unnatural Mother and The Girl with a Star on Her Forehead from Mozambique, and The Magic Needle from Turkey.
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This compelling book covers the basic components that make up fairy tales, as well as the purpose these fantastic tales serve in culture.

Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast.

Three billy goats must outwit the big, ugly troll that lives under the bridge they have to cross on their way up the mountain.

If a story has magical creatures or a fairy princess, you're reading folklore. How else do you know? Quick, fun examples help you understand the magic of fairy tales, fables, and folk tales.

Presents a retelling of the tale about the three little pigs, each with a distinctive personality, who build houses of straw, sticks, and bricks, and the big, bad wolf who tries to blow their houses down and eat them.

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.

Based on classic fairy tale characters and fairy tale tropes, the poems range from contemporary retellings to first person accounts set within the original stories.
PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION


FRACTURED FAIRY TALES

A fairy tale or other folk tale that has been modified in such a way as to make us laugh at an unexpected characterization, plot development, or contrary point of view.

EASY


A new spin on "Sleeping Beauty" told from the perspective of a little mouse who can't get to sleep because of the princess's very loud snoring


The giant tells what really happened when Jack kept climbing up the beanstalk and sneaking into his house.

N/A Charles, Veronika Martenova. *It’s Not About the Rose!* Toronto: Tundra Books, 2010. (Other titles by author include *It’s Not About the Apple!* *It’s Not About the Hunter!* *It’s Not About the Pumpkin!* And *It’s Not About the Crumbs!*)

Presents three stories that are adaptations of the classic tale of "Beauty and the Beast" in which through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast.

Loosely based on "Cinderella," this story is set in Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher.


When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight.


In this illustrated fractured fairy tale for kids, a book falls to the floor and a wolf tumbles out. The wolf needs to get back to his story, but a hungry cat has other ideas. Jumping from book to book, this wolf is on a journey to find a new home (and to avoid becoming dinner). His sharp, pointy teeth don't help him fit in with the dinosaurs, and his shiny black fur doesn't get him into the ball. But a little girl in a red hood is waiting for someone just like him to arrive.


To save their father from being stir-fried, two ninja chicken sisters take on a dark tangled forest, a tricky house made of corn bread, and an even trickier fox.

Shaskan, Trisha Speed. *Seriously, Cinderella is so Annoying! The Story of Cinderella as told by the Wicked Stepmother*. Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2012. (Other title by author include *Honestly, Red Riding Hood was Rotten!*)

The classic tale of Cinderella is told by her stepmother, who was not really so wicked after all.


After their café fails, Jack takes his mother's last few pennies and exchanges them for a can of magic baked beans that then lead Jack on a journey to a giant who is bored with counting his fortune.


In this outer space adaptation of the fairy tale in rhyme, Cinderella dreams of becoming a spaceship mechanic.
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<td>When petty thief Gilly, who lives with five younger brothers and sisters in a run-down boot, gets caught stealing, she is sentenced to three months at Fairy Tale Reform School, where all of the teachers are former villains, including the Big Bad Wolf, the Evil Queen, and Cinderella's Wicked Stepmother.</td>
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<td>Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.</td>
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<td>Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimms' fairy tales Faithful Johannes, Hansel and Gretel, The seven ravens, Brother and sister, The robber bridegroom, and The devil and his three golden hairs.</td>
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<td>At Ever After High, a boarding school for the sons and daughters of famous fairy-tale characters, students Apple White and Raven Queen face the moment when they must choose whether to follow their destinies, or change them.</td>
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<td>Alyssa Gardner hears the whispers of bugs and flowers -- precisely the</td>
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affliction that landed her mother in a mental hospital years before. This family
curse stretches back to her ancestor Alice Liddell, the real-life inspiration for
Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Alyssa might be crazy, but
she manages to keep it together. For now. When her mother's mental health
takes a turn for the worse, Alyssa learns that what she thought was fiction is
based in terrifying reality. The real Wonderland is a place far darker and more
twisted than Lewis Carroll ever let on. There, Alyssa must pass a series of tests,
including draining an ocean of Alice's tears, waking the slumbering tea party,
and subduing a vicious bandersnatch, to fix Alice's mistakes and save her
family. She must also decide whom to trust: Jeb, her gorgeous best friend and
secret crush, or the sexy but suspicious Morpheus, her guide through
Wonderland, who may have dark motives of his own.

N/A Marr, Melissa (Ed.) *Rag & Bones: New Twists on Timeless Tales*. New

In this collection, award-winning and bestselling authors reimagine their
favorite classic stories, the ones that have inspired, awed, and enraged them, the
ones that have become ingrained in modern culture, and the ones that have been
too long overlooked.


New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at
the “New-York Circulating Material Repository,” and when she gains coveted
access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are
drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and
stolen goods.

**NONFICTION**

AD600L Scieszka, Jon. *The Frog Prince, Continued*. New York: The Trumpet Club,
1991. (Also by author: *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *The
Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*).

After the frog turns into a prince, he and the Princess do not live happily ever
after and the Prince decides to look for a witch to help him
remedy the situation.

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