



Folktales

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
PreK	Andersen, Hans Christian. <i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014. 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.	E AN228EM
K - 3	Blair, Eric. <i>Johnny Appleseed: A Retelling of the Classic Tall Tale</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2005. (Other titles by author include <i>The Frog Prince</i> , <i>Puss in Boots</i> , and <i>The Gingerbread Man</i>) Relates episodes from the life of Johnny Appleseed, a peaceful man who roamed the West for fifty years planting and tending to the trees that bore his favorite fruit, the apple.	E B575J
PreK - 2	Brett, Jan. <i>The Three Little Dassies</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. (Other titles by author include <i>The Mitten: An Old Ukrainian Folktale</i> , <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> , and <i>The Three Snow Bears</i>) In this adaptation of the traditional folktale, three little dassies (also called rock hyraxes) build their houses in the Namib Desert of Southern Africa, hoping for protection from the eagle that lives atop a nearby mountain.	E B7566THD
2 - 3	Krensky, Stephen. <i>Paul Bunyan</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2007.	E

K882PA

Relates some of the exploits of Paul Bunyan, a lumberjack said to be taller than the trees whose pet was a blue ox named Babe.

- K - 2 McAlister, Caroline. *Holy Molé! A Folktale from Mexico*. Little Rock, AR: August House LittleFolk, 2007. E
M1172H
- A retelling of the traditional Mexican tale explaining the origins of molé, the savory chocolate sauce that is served over turkey or chicken.

- PreK - 2 MacDonald, Margaret Read. *Go to Sleep, Gecko! A Balinese Folktale*. Little Rock, AR: August House LittleFolk, 2006. (Other titles by author include *Fat Cat: A Danish Folktale* and *Mabela the Clever*) E
M1457G
- Retells the folktale of the gecko who complains to the village chief that the fireflies keep him awake at night but then learns that in nature all things are connected.

- PreK-3 Marshall, James. *The Three Little Pigs*. New York: Puffin Pied Piper, 2006. (Other titles by author include *Hansel and Gretel*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, and *Red Riding Hood*) E
M35655TL.A
- Think you know the story of the three little pigs? Not until you've read James Marshall's tongue-in-cheek rendition! Marshall breathes fresh new life into this old stand-by -- incorporating spicy new dialogue and fun, cartoon-like illustrations while still remaining true to the original tale of three porcine brothers and one huffing-and-puffing wolf.

- K - 3 Piumini, Roberto. *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2011. E
P688P

A pied piper rids the city of Hamelin of rats in this retelling of the classic tale.

- K - 3 Salley, Coleen. *Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2014. E
SA348W

Epossumondas's mother tells him a story about how his great-great-grandfather became the first possum to have a hairless tail.

- 2 - 3 San Souci, Robert. *The Secret of the Stones: A Folktale*. New York: Phyllis Fogelman Books, 2000. (Other titles by author includes *The Hired Hand*, *Sisters Tricksters: Rollicking Tales of Clever Females*, and *The Talking Eggs*) E
SA589S

When they try to find out who is doing their chores while they are working in the field, a childless couple discovers that the two stones they have brought home are actually two bewitched orphans.

2 - 4 Sharpe, Leah. *The Goat-Faced Girl*. Boston: David R. Godine, 2009. E
SH243G

When Isabella, a beautiful but lazy young woman, agrees to marry an equally lazy prince, the sorceress who raised her gives her the head of a goat in hopes that she will learn to do things for herself.

1 - 3 Stampler, Ann Redisch. *Shlemazel and the Remarkable Spoon of Pohost*. New York: Clarion Books, 2006. E
ST239S

A retelling of an Eastern European tale in which Shlemazel, the laziest man in town, is tricked into believing that the lucky spoon given to him by a neighbor will bring him fortune and fame, if it is used in the right way.

FICTION

7 - 9 Cohen, Barbara. *Seven Daughters and Seven Sons*. New York: Beech Tree Books, 1994. F
C6602S

In an ancient Arab nation, one woman dares to be different. Buran cannot -- Buran will not-sit quietly at home and wait to be married to the man her father chooses.

N/A Dembicki, Matt (Ed.) *Trickster: Native American Tales*. Golden, CO: Fulcrum Pub., 2010. F
T7319

Collects over twenty trickster stories, in graphic novel format, from various Native American traditions, including tales about coyotes, rabbits, ravens, and other crafty creatures and their mischievous activities.

8 - 10 Gaughen, A.C. *Scarlet*. New York: Walker & Co., 2012. F
G234S

Will Scarlet shadows Robin Hood, with an unerring eye for finding treasures to steal and throwing daggers with deadly accuracy, but when Gisbourne, a ruthless bounty hunter, is hired by the sheriff to capture Robin and his band of thieves, Robin must become Will's protector risking his own life in the process.

9 - 12 Porter, Sarah. *Vassa in the Night*. New York: Tor Teen, 2016. F
P8353V

In the enchanted kingdom of Brooklyn, Vassa uses a magical gift from her dead mother to take on Babs Yaga, the witch who owns the local convenience store. Inspired by the Russian folktale Vassilissa the Beautiful.

7 - 9	Powell, Martin. <i>The Seven Voyages of Sinbad</i> . Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2011.	F P8714SE
	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.	
NONFICTION		
N/A	Barker, Geoff. <i>What is a Folktale?</i> New York: Britannica Educational Publishing in association with Rosen Educational Services, 2014.	398.2 B242WHF
	This enchanting book delves into the history of folktales, or stories made up by peoples around the world to teach important values to their children.	
K- 3	Braun, Eric. <i>Pecos Bill Tames a Colossal Cyclone</i> . North Mankato, Minnesota: Picture Window Books, a Capstone Press imprint, 2015.	398.2 B7383P
	Super-cowboy Pecos Bill leaps onto the back of a monstrous cyclone and rides it like a bucking bronco, creating, in the process, the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon, and Death Valley.	
4 - 8	Chase, Richard. <i>Grandfather Tales: American-English Folk Tales</i> . New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2003.	398.2 C3867G.A
	A collection of folk tales from North Carolina and Virginia.	
K - 3	Cowley, Joy. <i>Rapunzel: A Story by the Brothers Grimm</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Big & Small, 2015.	398.2 C83922R
	A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a witch.	
K	Palazzo, Tony. <i>Animal Folk Tales of America: Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, The Jumping Frog, Davy Crockett, Johnny Appleseed, Sweet Betsey, and more</i> . New York: Sterling, 2010.	398.2 P173A
	Retells fourteen American folktales focusing on the role animals played in American pioneer heritage.	
1 - 2	Rustad, Martha. <i>Learning About Folktales, Fables, and Fairy Tales</i> . North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015.	398.2 R928L
	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.	

PreK Aylesworth, Jim. *The Gingerbread Man*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1998. 398.21
AY44G

A freshly bake gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers until he meets a clever fox.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

Applebaum, Marci. *Folk Tale Plays from Around the World – that Kids Will Love!* New York: Scholastic Professional Books, 2001. 372.4
AP486F

Sanderson, Jeannette. *12 Tall Tale Mini-Books*. New York: Scholastic Professional Books, 2002. 372.4
SA567T

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