



Legends

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
1 - 8	Griffin, Kitty. <i>The Ride: The Legend of Betsy Dowdy</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010. Recounts the legend of North Carolina teenager Betsy Dowdy, whose courageous ride on a cold December night in 1775 may have played a crucial role in the American Revolution.	E G8753R
K - 3	Jones, Christianne C. <i>John Henry</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2005. Retells some of the legends of John Henry, an African-American hero who raced against a steam drill to lay railroad tracks on a mountain.	E J7126JOH
K - 2	Jules, Jacqueline. <i>Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain</i> . Bloomington, IN: Wisdom Tales, 2014. When Samuel's father, the grand vizier, hears Hamza call Samuel names and tells his son to make sure Hamza never speaks an unkind word to him again, Samuel knows he must obey but has a hard time finding the right means to do so. Includes information about Jewish poet Samuel Ha-Nagid and the legend which inspired the story.	E J941N

- 2 - 4 Koons, Jon. *Arthur and Guen: An Original Tale of Young Camelot*. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2008. E
K8377A
- Arthur and Princess Guenevere meet when they are young, and, with the help of a magical sword that appears from the middle of a lake, they fend off the advances of a band of thieves who mean to kill them.
- 2 - 3 Krensky, Stephen. *Paul Bunyan*. 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.
- N/A Noble, Trinka Hakes. *The Legend of Michigan*. Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2006. E
N668L
- An old warrior and a young boy travel through the frigid cold of the north to teach the fierce North Wind how to live peacefully with his brothers, allowing the formerly uninhabitable land of Michigane to be settled.
- K - 3 O'Hearn, Michael. *How Spirit Dog Made the Milky Way: A Retelling of a Cherokee Legend*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2009. E
OH2H
- A Cherokee couple spends their days fishing and making cornmeal. When a giant dog steals their cornmeal, the neighbors all gather to help. Find out how this Cherokee legend explains the creation of the Milky Way.
- 2 - 3 Wargin, Kathy-Jo. *The Legend of the Lady's Slippers*. Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2001. E
W231LLA
- One winter, when the people of her village become terribly ill, Running Flower braves the snow and freezing cold to race to the village on the other side of the forest for medicine. Based on an Ojibwe legend.

FICTION

- 7 - 9 Hoena, B.A. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Minneapolis, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2008. F
H6717L
- A headless horseman haunts Sleep Hollow! At least that's the legend in the tiny village of Tarrytown. But scary stories won't stop the town's new schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane, from crossing through the Hollow, especially when the beautiful Katrina lives on the other side. Will Ichabod win over his beloved or discover that the legend of Sleepy Hollow is actually true?

- 7 - 12 Lee, Tony. *Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood, a Graphic Novel*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2009. F
L5159O
- In the depths of the forest, Robin raises an army to challenge the evil Sheriff. Wearing a dark hood for disguise and with his unparalleled gift for the bow, Robin quickly becomes an outlaw, fighting the forces of evil for the good of the poor.
- 6 - 12 Paulsen, Gary. *The Legend of Bass Reeves: Being the True and Fictional Account of the Most Valiant Marshal in the West*. New York: Laurel-Leaf Books, 2006. F
P2854LEB.A
- Recreates the mythology of U.S. Marshal Bass Reeves, a black man born into slavery who became the most successful lawman of the Wild West, bringing hundreds of fugitives to justice with such courage and honor that he became a legend.
- 5 - 7 Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2014. F
L7779S
- The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back.

NONFICTION

- K - 3 Braun, Eric. *Pecos Bill Tames a Colossal Cyclone*. North Mankato, MN: 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.
- 2 - 4 Hardyman, Robyn. *What is a Legend?* New York: Britannica Educational Publishing, in association with Rosen Educational Services, 2014. 398.2
H2227WL
- Legends are riveting tales that are based on real events, but exaggerated so that they are not completely true. In this book, readers will learn the most important aspects of what defines a legend, as well as how to tell fact from fiction in these semi-historical tales.
- N/A Howarth, Naomi. *The Crow's Tale: A Lenni Lenape Native American Legend*. New York: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2015. 398.2
H8376C
- In the dark depths of winter, snow is falling and the animals are freezing and famished. Brave Crow sets out on a dangerous journey to find the Sun, and beg for warmth. Will Crow succeed, and what will happen to his colourful

rainbow feathers?

- 4 - 6 Morpurgo, Michael. *Sir Gaiwan and the Green Knight*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2004. 398.2 M8299S
- The quest of Sir Gawain for the Green Knight teaches him a lesson in pride, humility, and honor.
- K - 2 San Souci, Robert. *Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow*. New York: Orchard Books, 2008. 398.2 SA589R
- Retells, in easy text, of the Sheriff of Nottingham's plot to hold an archery contest in order to capture the outlaw Robin Hood, but Robin and his band of merry men arrive in disguise with a plan of their own.
- K - 3 Shaw, Stephanie. *The Legend of the Beaver's Tail*. Ann Arbor, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2015. 398.2089 SH284L
- Vain Beaver is inordinately proud of his silky tail, to the point where he alienates his fellow woodland creatures with his boasting. When it is flattened in an accident (of his own making), he learns to value its new shape and seeks to make amends with his friends. Based on an Ojibwe legend.
- PreK - 2 Tonatiuh, Duncan. *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016. 398.20897 T61P
- Princess Izta had many wealthy suitors but dismissed them all. When a mere warrior, Popoca, promised to be true to her and stay always by her side, Izta fell in love. The emperor promised Popoca if he could defeat their enemy Jaguar Claw, then Popoca and Izta could wed. When Popoca was near to defeating Jaguar Claw, his opponent sent a messenger to Izta saying Popoca was dead. Izta fell into a deep sleep and, upon his return, even Popoca could not wake her. As promised Popoca stayed by her side.
- 3 - 5 Yasuda, Anita. *The 12 Most Amazing American Myths & Legends*. Mankato, MN: 12-Story Library, 2015. 398.20973 Y26T
- Amazing America celebrates the most incredible aspects of the United States. This volume features the fascinating myths and legends of the United States.
- 4 - 8 Rosinsky, Natalie M. *Write Your Own Legend*. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2008. 808 R731WL
- The bold and daring heroes of legends are probably based on real people. Their adventures, battles, and romances all have roots in history. Yet the many tales told and written about legendary figures frequently add magical, mysterious elements to their lives and deeds. With this book, learn to write about a legend.

7 - 9 Sorrels, Roy. *The Legend of the Alamo*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, Inc., 2012. 976.4 SO695L

The battle between American pioneers and Mexican troops for control of the Alamo, a Spanish-built mission in San Antonio, escalated into a fight for Texan independence from Mexico.

2 - 3 Montileaux, Donald F. *Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend*. Pierre, SD: South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2014. 978.004 M7679T

The story itself is about how the Lakota people came to have horses ... not in recent times, but long ago. A very long time ago. A young Lakota man sees them and spends time away from his village, taming and training them. He brings them to the village, where nobody has seen them before. They learn to use them to make life easier, but they also use them in aggressive actions on other tribes. That is an abuse of them as a gift of the Creator, so they are taken away. Of course, we know they come back ... much later, when Europeans arrive.

BIOGRAPHY

2 - 4 Yolen, Jane. *Johnny Appleseed: The Legend and the Truth*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2008. B AP529Y

Everyone knows the legend of Johnny Appleseed, the man from Massachusetts who planted apple trees all the way to California. But the true story of Johnny Appleseed, or John Chapman, is even greater than the legend.

N/A Stanley, George Edward. *Davey Crockett: Frontier Legend*. New York: Sterling Pub. Co., 2008. B C8727ST

A biography of Davy Crockett, who grew to be a legend on America's colonial frontier.

3 - 4 Peteres, Stephanie True. *John Henry, Hammerin' Hero*. Minneapolis, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2010. B H3965P

Born with a hammer in his hand, John Henry was destined to become a steel-driving legend. As a young man, he makes his mark on the American railroads, whistling while he works. But one day, a shady salesman comes to the railroad camp, claiming that his hammering machine is superior to any railroad worker. John Henry steps up to challenge the man's machine, hoping to save the jobs of thousands of railroad workers. But will John Henry be able to prove that a machine can't do what a man can?

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Fredericks, Anthony D. *American Folklore, Legends, and Tall Tales for Readers Theater*. Westport, CT: Teachers Idea Press, 2008. 372.676
F8727A
- Fredericks, Anthony D. *African Legends, Myths, and Folktales for Readers Theater*. Westport, CT: Teachers Idea Press, 2008. 812
F8727A

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