

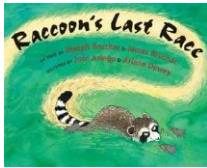
FOLK TALES AND FAIRY TALES FROM MANY CULTURES AND COUNTRIES

These books highlight folk tales, fables, and fairy tales from many cultures and countries. They also include culturally diverse reimaginings or retellings of classic stories and rhymes.



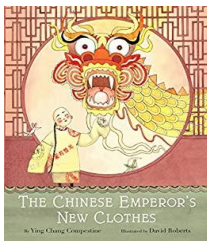
Vasilisa the Beautiful: A Russian Folktale by Anthea Bell

A retelling of the old Russian fairy tale in which beautiful Vasilissa uses the help of her doll to escape from the clutches of the witch Baba Yaga.



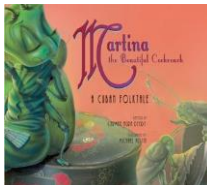
Raccoon's Last Race: A Traditional Abenaki Story by Joseph Bruchac

Azban the Raccoon loves to race on his long legs. He is the fastest of all the animals, but he's also the most conceited, mocking everyone with his speed. When his next race goes wrong, only ants will help him again as long as he promises to be their friend. But will a trickster like Azban keep his word?



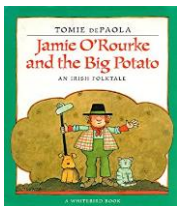
The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes by Ying Chang Compestine

Ming Da is only nine years old when he becomes the emperor of China, and his three advisors take advantage of him by stealing his stores of rice, gold, and precious stones. But Ming Da has a plan. With the help of his tailors, he comes up with a clever idea to outsmart his devious advisors: He asks his tailors to make "magical" new clothes for him.



Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale by Carmen Agra Deedy

Martina's Cuban grandmother advises lovely cockroach Martina to spill coffee on suitors to see examples of their personality and if they'd make a good husband.



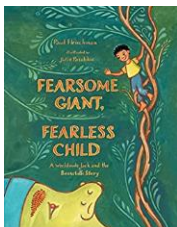
Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato: An Irish Folktale by Tomie dePaola

When his wife injures her back and can't do all the work, Jamie O'Rourke--the laziest man in all of Ireland--is sure he'll starve to death. A wily leprechaun intervenes, and one wish later, Jamie is the proud owner of a potato as big as a house.



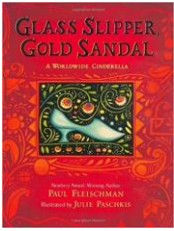
Maria Had a Little Llama = María Tenía una Llamita by Angela Dominguez

This Peruvian-inspired retelling, gives a fresh new twist to the classic rhyme as Maria brings her mischievous little llama to school. Told in English and Spanish.



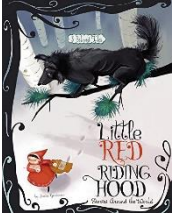
Fearsome Giant, Fearless Child: A Worldwide Jack and the Beanstalk Story by Paul Fleischman

The story of a child confronting a man-eating giant or witch is told the world over. These heroes go by many names and might be average in size or no bigger than a thumb. Though they're often scorned for being the youngest and smallest, they're well-armed with cleverness and courage.



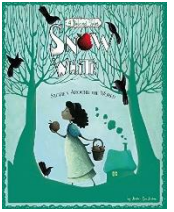
Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella by Paul Fleischman

The author draws from a variety of folk traditions to put together this version of Cinderella, including elements from Mexico, Iran, Korea, Russia, Appalachia, and more.



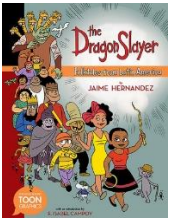
Little Red Riding Hood: 3 Beloved Tales by Jessica Gunderson

Retells the classic German version of the fairy tale of a girl and a wolf, along with similar the tales of *The False Grandmother* from Italy and *The Grand aunt Tiger* from Taiwan.



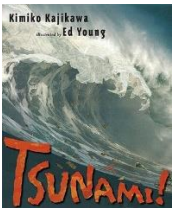
Snow White: 4 Beloved Tales by Jessica Gunderson

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.



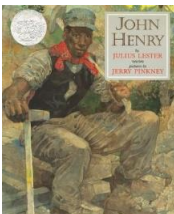
The Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America by Jaime Hernandez

Three Latin American folk tales are updated into a graphic-novel format. A kitchen maid slays a dragon and marries a prince; a vain woman marries a mouse, with bad results; a boy cast out as lazy proves the logic of his approach. There's also fascinating historical material on the origins of each tale.



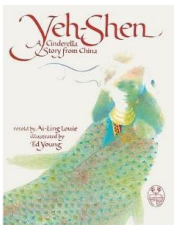
Tsunami! by Kimiko Kajikawa

Based on the Japanese hero Hamaguchi Gohei, who in 1854 set his own rice-stack harvest ablaze, diverting the attention of revelers and drawing them away from impending disaster. A simple story of the power of a simple act.



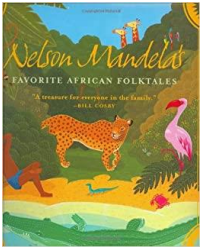
John Henry by Julius Lester

Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.



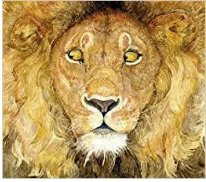
Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China by Ai-Ling Louie

This version of the Cinderella story, in which a young girl overcomes the wickedness of her stepsister and stepmother to become the bride of a prince, is based on ancient Chinese manuscripts written 1000 years before the earliest European version.



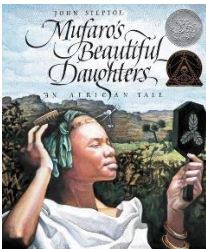
Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales by Nelson Mandela

From desert to jungle to veld and misty mountain, the African landscape plays a vital role in each of these 32 lively folktales. With stories from Namaqualand, Botswana, Cape Town, Morocco, Nigeria, and Uganda and more; the stories range from the lyrical San creation myth "The Mantis and the Moon," to sly trickster tales, silly farce, and a gruesome warning to disobedient children.



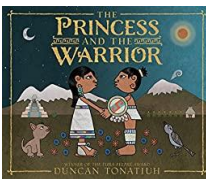
The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he'd planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher's trap in the African Serengeti.



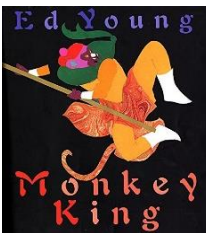
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe

Inspired by a traditional African folktale, this is the story of Mufaro, who is proud of his two beautiful daughters. Nyasha is kind and considerate, but everyone--except Mufaro--knows that Manyara is selfish and bad-tempered. When the king decides to marry, will Manyara convince this king she's worthy? Which daughter will he choose?



The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes by Duncan Tonatiuh

Two great volcanoes, Iztaccíhuatl and Popocatepetl, stand outside of today's Mexico City and have been the inspiration for many folktales and origin stories, including this one about a princess and the and the suitor her father says she can marry—if he can defeat the village's greatest enemy, Jaguar Claw.



The Monkey King by Ed Young

Ambitious Monkey travels to Square Inch Mountain, where he trains with Master Putt to perfect the art of turning cloud somersaults, riding the wind, changing shape, and disappearing in the blink of an eye. Then Monkey eagerly shows off his magic skills by tricking Dragon King and battling Jade Emperor. Monkey is so arrogant, he even gets into trouble with Buddha himself.