



FOLKTALES, FAIRYTALES, AND LEGENDS

Literature

Hosni The Dreamer by Ehud Ben-Ezer

The Boy Who Lived With Bears by Joseph Bruchac

The Lion's Whisker: An Ethiopian Folktale Day

One Grain of Rice: A Tale of Northern Italy by Tomie dePaola

A Ring of Tricksters by Virginia Hamilton

Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu by Emily Arnold McCully

Golem by David Wisniewski

Rapunzel by Paul O. Zelinsky

Literature Notes

Top Ten Greek Legends by Terry Deary

What was Hercules doing before he got his own TV show? This whimsical guide explains the figures and themes of ten major Greek myths. Readers also get a glimpse of everyday life in ancient Greece. Ages 11 and up. 208 pp.

The King's Equal by Katherine Paterson

A dying king makes his son his heir — on one condition: the vain Prince Raphael must marry a woman who is his equal in beauty, in intelligence, and in wealth. A search throughout the kingdom appears to be fruitless until the lovely Rosamund appears at the palace as if by magic, and Raphael is certain he has found his wife. She is intelligent and wealthy, as well as beautiful — certainly his equal, he thinks. But what does the mysterious Rosamund think? "An entertaining and enchanting story." — *Publishers Weekly* Ages 8-10. 64 pp.

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne

Meet America's first folk heroes in these nine wildly exaggerated and downright funny stories. Here are Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, and many other uniquely American characters, together in one superb collection. Grades 2-6. Paperback, 128 pp.

Favorite Medieval Tales by Mary Pope Osborne

In nine favorite tales from medieval Europe, characters such as King Arthur, Beowulf, and the merry outlaw Robin Hood weave a glorious tapestry of an enchanted time. Ages 8-12. 86 pp.

Aesop's Fables by Ann McGovern

Timeless classics retold in modern language. Perfect reading for middle graders. Ages 9-12. 80 pp.

Aesop's Fables by Aesop

While scholars are uncertain about the identity of Aesop or whether he was even an actual person, there is no doubt that the stories originally collected under his name over 2,000 years ago in Greece are among the world's most beloved tales. Combining a moral lesson with an entertaining story, the fables still retain their power to charm and instruct.

The Stinky Cheese Man, And Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka

Ten humorous retellings of ten famous fairy tales that turn the lives of their characters inside out and upside down. "Another masterpiece from the team that created *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs!*" — *Horn Book* Ages 9 and up. 56 pp.

A Handful of Beans: Six Fairy Tales by William Steig

Rumpelstiltskin, The Frog Prince, Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, and Beauty and the Beast are retold in this fairy tale collection.

The Candlewick Book of Fairy Tales by Sarah M. Hayes

These are ten tales of our memories, the classic fairy tales told to children throughout history. Exquisitely illustrated and simply told, these tales will take children and adults to a world of mystery and folklore.

The Classic Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen

The everlasting tales of a favorite storyteller are celebrated in this colorful collection. Eight stories are illustrated by a different artist in full color.

Cuckoo Cucu: A Mexican Folktale by Lois Ehlert

Cuckoo is beautiful, but lazy. She never does her share of work--that is, until a field fire threatens the season's seed crop and Cuckoo is the only one who can save it. Will she risk her lovely feathers by flying through the flames?

The Angel's Mistake: Stories of Chelm by Francine Prose

There's never been another town like Chelm, where the people wore their hats upside down to keep them dry when it rained and went barefoot in the snow so their shoes would not get wet. Here is an irresistibly funny picture book about the famous town where only fools lived.

The Hunterman and the Crocodile by Baba W. Diakite

After traveling across land on a pilgrimage to Mecca, Bamba the Crocodile and his family need the help of a hunter to return to the river. Bamba has promised not to bite, but once they are halfway across the river the crocodile traps the hunter's hand between his jaws. Only through a clever bargain and the wise words of the many creatures who stop to fault the hunter for his treatment of them does he escape and in the process learns the necessity of cooperating and living in harmony with others

Mouse Match by Ed Young

When a father mouse goes to the sun, cloud, wind, and wall in search of the strongest husband for his daughter, he is surprised to find that a mouse is the best match.

One Grain of Rice A Mathematical Folktale by Demi

Long ago in India, there lived a raja who believed that he was wise and fair. But every year he kept nearly all the people's rice for himself. Then a village girl named Rani devises a clever plan, using the surprising power of doubling to win more than one billion grains of rice from the raja.

Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter by Diane Stanley

Rumpelstiltskin's daughter may not be able to spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a monarch whose greed has blighted an entire kingdom.

Cinderella's Rat by Susan Meddaugh

This is the story of one of the rats that was turned into a coachman by Cinderella's fairy godmother.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor by John Yeoman Originally a part of the Arabian Nights stories, the adventures of Sinbad the Sailor are set in the historic lands of the Middle East. On each of Sinbad's journeys there is some disaster and Sinbad must call upon his last ounce of strength to escape the many dangers he finds.

Websites and Internet Links

http://raspberry.forest.net/FMPro?-db=whootie.fp5&-lay=weblay&-format=/whootie/choose.htm&-SortField=b_pizzazz&-view

Absolutely Whootie!

A collection of over 30 children's stories from around the world organized by type (Adventure, Animal Tales, Fairy Tales, Farmers & Villagers, Legends, Kings & Queens, Magical Creatures, and Riddles), or retrievable by target age, theme (e.g., honesty, kindness), continent, or country of origin.

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Fairytales

<http://raspberry.forest.net/FMPro?-DB=whootie.fp5&-Format=/whootie/results.htm&type=folk+tales&-Find>

Folktales

<http://raspberry.forest.net/FMPro?-DB=whootie.fp5&-Format=/whootie/results.htm&type=legends&-Find>

Legends

<http://www.planetozkids.com/oban/legends.htm>

Animals: Myths and Legends

About 30 tales about animals that vary in length and difficulty.

<http://www.familymanagement.com/literacy/grimms/grimms-toc.html>

Grimm's Fairy Tales at All Family Resources

This site from All Family Resources has a collection of over 200 of Grimm's Fairy Tales for you to read.

<http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~spok/grimtmp/>

Grimm's Fairy Tales

This online book contains 209 tales collected by the brothers Grimm.

<http://www.darsie.net/talesofwonder/>

Tales of Wonder: Folk and Fairy Tales from around the World

Over 75 fairy/folk tales, organized by country or region of origin.

<http://hca.gilead.org.il/>

Hans Christian Andersen

Fairy Tales and Stories ~ English Translation: H. P. Paull (1872)

<http://www.childrenstory.com/tales/index.html>

Fairytales

<http://www.aaronshep.com/stories/folk.html>

Folktales (or folk tales) -- including fairy tales, tall tales, trickster tales, and legends -- retold by award-winning author Aaron Shepard.

<http://www.pitara.com/talespin/folktales.asp>

A fascinating line-up of **folktales** for kids from India, China, Burma and other Asian countries. You will also find Aesop's fables...

<http://www.americanfolklore.net>

American Folklore

<http://www.grimmfairytales.com>

<http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/grimmtales.html>

The Grimm Brothers' Children's and Household Tales

<http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html>

Folklore and Mythology Electronic Texts (Huge by theme, author, and type)

http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/Folklore/Literature/Tales/Fairy_Tales/

Google Directory for Folktales

<http://www.toptags.com/aama/tales/tales.htm>

AFRO-American Almanac Folktales

<http://www.literature.org/authors/aesop/fables/>

Literature.org (Fables)

<http://www.aesopfables.com/>

Aesop's Fables

<http://www2.muw.edu/~kdunk/folk.html>

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