

## African-American Culture Reading List



### ADVENTURES OF HIGH JOHN THE CONQUEROR

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Steve Sanfield  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Wendell Hall

DESCRIPTION

High John the Conqueror, sometimes called simply High John or John, was a slave trickster who always outwitted Old Master. Much like Greek slave Aesop's animal characters, High John was the subject of a series of subversive narratives whose mission was to outsmart his oppressors. Tall tales of High John's exploits flourished during slavery, but after emancipation they fell out of circulation, and his antics were all but forgotten.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 2nd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** R / **LEXILE:** 970L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874837-74-2 / **HARDCOVER:**

### AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOLKTALES

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Richard Young Judy Dockrey Young  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Kenneth Harris

DESCRIPTION

This collection of African-American folktales highlights the unbroken chain of a rich oral tradition. The stories share the richness and variety of a cultural heritage that has crossed the Atlantic, survived slavery, and triumphed over the ignorance of racism and bigotry.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 2nd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** T / **LEXILE:** 850L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874833-09-6 / **HARDCOVER:**

### ANANSI AND THE POT OF BEANS

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Bobby Norfolk  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

Did you ever wonder why spiders have no hair? After reading this African trickster tale, you will know. When Anansi goes to help his grandmother, he can't resist her steaming, hot pot of beans. Co-authors Bobby and Sherry Norfolk take a wonderful new look at a classic African story.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** K / **LEXILE:** 540L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-11-4 / **HARDCOVER:**

## ANANSI AND THE SKY KINGDOM

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Bobby Norfolk Sherry Norfolk  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

In this story from West Africa, Anansi the spider uses his wits, his trickster skills, and the help of his friends to bring light to the world.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 570L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-81-7 / **HARDCOVER:**

## ANANSI AND THE TUG O'WAR

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Bobby Norfolk Sherry Norfolk  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

In this trickster tale from Africa, Anansi proves to Elephant and Killer Whale that in a battle of wits, brains definitely outdo brawn.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** K / **LEXILE:** 580L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-25-1 / **HARDCOVER:**

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## ANANSI AND TURTLE GO TO DINNER

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Bobby Norfolk Sherry Norfolk

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

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DESCRIPTION

In this trickster tale from Africa, Anansi learns the value of being a good host. He also learns the truth of the old saying, "what goes around, comes around."

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** J / **LEXILE:** 520L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-56-5 / **HARDCOVER:**

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## ANANSI GOES TO LUNCH

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Bobby Norfolk Sherry Norfolk

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

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DESCRIPTION

Anansi is invited to three parties and wants to attend them all. He gives each of his hosts a rope to tug, ties the other end around his own waist, and waits to be summoned when the food is served -- but when all of the food is ready at the same time, Anansi is caught in the middle!

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** K / **LEXILE:** 630L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-52-7 / **HARDCOVER:**

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## ANCIENT AND EPIC TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUTHOR &

**AUTHOR:** Heather Forest

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**ILLUSTRATOR****ILLUSTRATOR:** Susan Gaber**DESCRIPTION**

Heather Forest's artful prose and keen curatorial selection brings an array of ancient tales of adventure, quest and heroics to life for modern readers. This multicultural anthology presents pivotal episodes from epic tales such as Gilgamesh, Beowulf, the Odyssey, the Ramayana, and more. The collection illuminates large-scale narratives that were passed on and preserved through the oral tradition long before being captured in written form by early scribes. With the publication of *Epic and Ancient Tales*, Heather completes her long awaited trilogy of *Tales From Around the World* including *Wonder Tales* and *Wisdom Tales*. These epic narratives remain relevant today as they provide insights into the complexity of human relationships and the intimate, personal journey of anyone seeking to understand the meaning of life. This collection of timeless stories includes Norse legends, Greek myths, Japanese folktales, Persian stories, Irish Ballads and Chinese lore. Offering a global overview, this anthology of concise retellings also provides endnotes with cultural and historical background to inspire readers' further inquiry into these enduring tales.

**READING LEVEL****INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** W / **LEXILE:** 840L**ISBNs****PAPERBACK:** 978-1-939160-87-4 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-1-941460-35-1**ARCHER AND THE SUN****AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR****AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire**DESCRIPTION**

In this classic story from China, we learn why the sun comes up in the morning and goes down at night. We also discover why a certain farm animal is there every morning to greet the sun.

**READING LEVEL****INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 510L**ISBNs****PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-78-7 / **HARDCOVER:****BEAR, THE BAT, AND THE DOVE: THREE STORIES FROM AESOP**



AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

In this collection of three lesser known Aesop Fables, you will learn why bats fly at night, why you should pick your friends carefully, and why even a tiny ant could be your guardian angel.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** K / **LEXILE:** 740L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-10-7 / **HARDCOVER:**

## BILLY BROWN AND THE BELLY BUTTON BEASTIE

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Bobby Norfolk Sherry Norfolk  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

Every night when Billy Brown's mother puts him to bed, she tells him to keep his covers on his bed but he ignores her advice, then the belly button monster steals his belly button and the fun begins.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** K / **LEXILE:** 720L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874838-31-2

## CLEVER MONKEY: A FOLKTALE FROM WEST AFRICA

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

When two greedy jungle cats discover a large piece of cheese, they can't decide how to divide it fairly. The clever monkey comes to their rescue. Or so they think. After reading this trickster tale from West Africa, you will think twice before asking a monkey for help.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** G / **LEXILE:** 540L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-01-5 / **HARDCOVER:**

## CLEVER MONKEY RIDES AGAIN

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Tom Wrenn

**DESCRIPTION**

A big, bully lion is no match for our old friend the Clever Monkey in this retelling of a classic story from West Africa.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** J / **LEXILE:** 630L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-28-2 / **HARDCOVER:**

## THE DRUM: A FOLKTALE FROM INDIA

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Tom Wrenn

**DESCRIPTION**

In this story from India, a poor boy's dream of having a drum takes him on an unlikely journey of discovery. He meets several people who guide him along the way. In time, he learns to make his own "magic" in this world.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 660L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-02-2 / **HARDCOVER:**

## EARTH CARE: WORLD FOLKTALES TO TALK ABOUT

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Margaret Read MacDonald

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

This collection of traditional tales and proverbs from over twenty ethnic groups touches upon both human and ecological themes such as environmental protection, the care of other creatures, and the connection of all things in nature.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 5th-8th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** S / **LEXILE:** 690L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874837-84-1 / **HARDCOVER:**

## FIRST MUSIC

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Dylan Pritchett

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Erin Bennett Banks

DESCRIPTION

When the animals get together in the jungle, they discover that the noise that they have been making is indeed music. Celebrated author and master storyteller Dylan Pritchett weaves a tale that helps us discover that we all have music inside just waiting to come out when the time is right. This original award winning story is based on the model of traditional African folktales.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** L / **LEXILE:** 440L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-76-6

## FIVE-MINUTE TALES: MORE STORIES TO READ AND TELL WHEN TIME IS SHORT

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Margaret Read MacDonald

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

As a companion to her award-winning story collection Three Minute Tales, Margaret Read MacDonald has compiled another delightful collection of entertaining stories from around the world edited especially for the tastes and interests of young

readers.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** O / **LEXILE:** 600L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874837-82-7 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-81-0

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## FORTY FUN FABLES: TALES THAT TRICK, TICKLE AND TEACH

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

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DESCRIPTION

Animals don't talk but they appear in fables to tell us about our very human selves. This classic collection of whimsical stories is told simply with wit that appeals to children of all ages. In reading these tales, the lessons of many cultures are passed along and wisdom is shared. Young readers will be highly engaged and entertained by the fools, tricksters, and clever characters who appear in these timeless stories.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 2nd-4th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** N / **LEXILE:**

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-1-939160-77-5 / **HARDCOVER:**

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## GHOSTWISE

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Dan Yashinsky  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Kevin Sollows

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DESCRIPTION

For this mix of "midnight stories," Dan Yashinsky has collected ghost stories and other strange and scary tales from around the world. From Cathy Miyata's ghost story from Japan to Jamie Oliviero's Central African tale about the limits of grief to Gail de Vos's contemporary legend about a ghostly premonition from Canada, Ghostwise offers true stories, tall tales, and scary yarns. These spooky stories are rooted in many cultures: some are old tales retold, others are new tales created, all are told by masters of their craft who have successfully made the transition to the written word in this collection.

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READING LEVEL

INTEREST: 6th-9th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: X / LEXILE:

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-874834-99-4 / HARDCOVER:

## HIDDEN FEAST: A FOLKTALE FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTH

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Don Tate

DESCRIPTION

When the barnyard animals are invited to a party by their neighbors, they dress in their Sunday best and set off for a day of merriment. But when dinnertime arrives, the famished animals are perplexed to find a simple meal of cornbread. Most of them are polite, but Rooster turns his beak up in disgust and rudely leaves the party, missing the treasures hidden for the guests. The surprising twist at the end of the story explains why, ever since, Rooster scratches in the dirt. Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss capture the rhythms and idioms of this rural Southern tale, and Don Tate's whimsical acrylics serve up a regular hoedown of fun.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: K-3rd / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: L / LEXILE: 620L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: / HARDCOVER: 978-0-874837-58-2

## HOW AND WHY STORIES

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

Did you ever look carefully at a spider's web? If their purpose is strictly to catch flies, why do spiders weave such beautiful, intricate webs? Did you ever wonder what causes thunder? Why is the sea salty? How did tigers get their stripes? In this collection of delightful tales from around the world and through the ages, each story explains why an animal, plant, or natural object looks or acts the way it does.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: 3rd-5th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: V / LEXILE: 830L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874835-61-8 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874835-62-5

## HOW TIGER GOT HIS STRIPES: A FOLKTALE FROM VIETNAM

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

Many years ago, the proudest animal in the jungle was not the peacock. The proudest animal was the tiger. In this timeless folktale from Vietnam, we see how Tiger's pride leads him to covet wisdom and, with the help of a wise farmer, earn his stripes.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** H / **LEXILE:** 650L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874837-99-5 / **HARDCOVER:**

## MAGIC APPLE: A FOLKTALE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Rob Cleveland

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Baird Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

Three brothers embark on separate journeys to different parts of the world to fulfill their father's dying wish. In their journeys, they visit distant lands, find curious treasures, and learn the true meaning of unselfish giving when they need to work together to save a life.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 720L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-00-8 / **HARDCOVER:**

## MORE READY-TO-TELL TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** David Holt Bill Mooney

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection of world tales focuses on stories originating from nearly every continent. They are short, gripping stories that "kick in fast," including comedy, trickster, tall tales, and family themes for middle and young readers.

**READING LEVEL**

**INTEREST:** 5th-8th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** Y / **LEXILE:** 930L

**ISBNs**

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874835-83-0 / **HARDCOVER:**

## NATURAL MAN: THE TRUE STORY OF JOHN HENRY

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Steve Sanfield

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Peter Thornton

**DESCRIPTION**

This timeless ballad has been part of American folklore for over a century. Born with a hammer in his hand, John Henry discovers his true calling as a steel-driving man but he inevitably meets his match in a race against a steam drill that provides a powerful metaphor for the disruption and loss of innocence created by the industrial age. Thornton's charcoal drawings deftly capture the triumphal spirit of this cautionary tale.

**READING LEVEL**

**INTEREST:** 2nd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** P / **LEXILE:** 910L

**ISBNs**

**PAPERBACK:** 978-1-939160-85-0 / **HARDCOVER:**

## PICKIN' PEAS

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Margaret Read MacDonald

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Pat Cummings

**DESCRIPTION**

A clever, singing rabbit eats his way through the pea patch until Little Girl snatches him up and he is soon singing a new tune as he plans his escape. With a nod to Brer Rabbit, Pickin' Peas is adapted from two folktales collected in Alabama and Virginia.

The lively storytelling voice of award-winning author Margaret Read MacDonald, combined with Pat Cummings' bright, bold contemporary illustrations, makes this timeless battle-of-wits an instant classic.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** L / **LEXILE:** 150L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-1-939160-83-6 / **HARDCOVER:**

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## SISTER TRICKSTERS: ROLICKING TALES OF CLEVER FEMALES

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Robert San Souci

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Daniel San Souci

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DESCRIPTION

Everyone remembers the exploits of Br'er Rabbit and his cohorts Br'er Fox, Br'er Possum, and other sly characters. But while these tales were circulating among slaves in the southern United States, another set of stories was passed along just as enthusiastically, only here the clever tricksters were female. Who better to tackle the stories of these sister tricksters than the San Souci brothers? Utilizing a contagiously rhythmic, pitch-perfect dialect, writer Robert gleefully interprets the exploits of Molly Cottontail, Miz Grasshopper, Miz Duck, and Miz Goose against worthy (and not-so-worthy) foes such as Mistah Slickry Sly-fox, Mistah Rooster, and Mistah Bear. Brother Daniel's comically realistic paintings capture the slapstick frenzy of these characters engaged in battles of wits against the rural Southern landscape that nourished the tales in their infancy.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 2nd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** S / **LEXILE:** 1050L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-91-9

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## TALES OF CATS (BOOKS OF NINE LIVES)

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Don Bell

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DESCRIPTION

This collection of nine short stories features a range of cat "tales" from different

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countries that are especially worth sharing. You will find stories that explain why cats choose women over men, how cats trick other (in cat's view) "lesser" animals, how cats outwit humans, and how cats wait patiently for their time in the sun.

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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> 0 / <b>LEXILE:</b> 670L
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## TALES OF INSECTS (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 6)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
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DESCRIPTION	Nine traditional tales about insects from various parts of the world, including Mexico, Japan, Jamaica, and Fiji.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> 0 / <b>LEXILE:</b> 590L
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## TALES OF NONSENSE & TOMFOOLERY (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 2)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
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DESCRIPTION	A hilarious collection of short folktales from all over the world featuring silly characters, nonsensical situations, and general tomfoolery.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> 0 / <b>LEXILE:</b> 830L
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ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874836-45-5 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b> 978-0-874836-70-7
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## TALES TO FRIGHTEN AND DELIGHT (BOOKS OF NINE LIVES)

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Don Bell

DESCRIPTION

A collection of nine traditional scary stories from various parts of the world, including Japan, Uruguay, and other countries. The stories are sure to entertain young readers.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** O / **LEXILE:** 650L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874839-16-6 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-12-4

## THIRTY-THREE MULTICULTURAL TALES TO TELL

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Joe Shlichta

DESCRIPTION

When a story shares a universal message, it finds its way into that pantheon of folktales that is shared with many diverse cultures. These classic 33 tales, collected from Brazil, China, Korea, Russia, Tibet, Africa, America's native peoples, and other lands are chosen for their timeless, shared values.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** R / **LEXILE:** 770L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874832-66-2 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874832-65-5

## THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE: WORLD TALES KIDS CAN READ & TELL

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Carol Lyon

DESCRIPTION

This collection of 31 stories comes from all over the world, and different variations can be found in a variety of cultures that have been passed over the grapevine and

been adapted by diverse cultural traditions.

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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> R / <b>LEXILE:</b> 880L
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## TRICKSTER TALES

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Josepha Sherman <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> David Boston
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DESCRIPTION	People of all ages love to watch the escapades of tricksters. In modern times, we watch Bugs Bunny, Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote, even Ace Ventura and Bart Simpson. But these contemporary characters have roots in antiquity. The trickster is a universal archetype, found in every culture: Anansi among the African people, Coyote in the American Southwest, Raven in the Pacific Northwest, Rabbit in the American South, the leprechaun in Ireland, and Fox in South America.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-4th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> O / <b>LEXILE:</b>
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## WISDOM TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Heather Forest <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b>
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DESCRIPTION	This collection of fifty folktales and parables was selected from diverse story traditions such as Sufi, Zen, Taoist, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, African, and Native American. Comprised of ancient plots both poignant and comical, this anthology contains simple truths, common sense, and the promise that we can benefit from past generations' experience. Wisdom tales offer useful insights into life's joys and sorrows that all of us experience.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 5th-8th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> T / <b>LEXILE:</b> 840L
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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874834-79-6 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874834-78-9

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## WONDER TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Heather Forest

**ILLUSTRATOR:** David Boston

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DESCRIPTION

Traditional stories have endured generation after generation because they resonate on a human scale. These 27 classic folktales remind us of wisdom so elemental it is often lost in the rush of everyday life. In these stories, sometimes common sense makes no sense at all.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-6th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** 0 / **LEXILE:**

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874834-22-2 / **HARDCOVER:**

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