

## Hispanic Heritage Month Reading List



### 1492, NEW WORLD TALES

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Richard Young Judy Dockrey Young  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Morgan Menter

DESCRIPTION

A collection of authentic stories from the years around 1492. These tales have been carefully crafted to sound as exciting and mysterious as they were when first told five hundred years ago by sailors around a lantern on a ship, shared by explorers reclining around a campfire, enjoyed by Native Americans in a grass hut, whispered inside a stone palace in the Totonac city of Zempoala, or fondly remembered by an adventurer back home in Europe.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** U / **LEXILE:** 1000L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-1-939160-73-7 / **HARDCOVER:**

### ANCIENT AND EPIC TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Heather Forest  
**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

## BURIED TREASURES OF TEXAS

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** W.C. Jameson

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

Part of the colorful history of Texas includes legends of outlaw loot, pirate hoards, buried mines, and Santa Anna's lost pack-train carrying gold. This book contains 31 legends ranging from lost fortunes of Native Americans, French pirates, Spanish explorers, and Mexican soldiers, to the early exploits of German and Scotch-Irish settlers. These unique tales from the people of the Lone Star State highlight their adventures and struggles in search of lost mines and forgotten treasures.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: 6th-9th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: Y / LEXILE: 1240L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-874831-78-8 / HARDCOVER:

## BURIED TREASURES OF CALIFORNIA

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** W.C. Jameson

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

After reading these 30 revived tales of wealth and splendor, you will be tempted to throw some supplies into a backpack like the '49-ers of old and head west. Although stories of lost gold and silver veins are abundant ("Mysterious Blue Ledge of Gold," "The Curse of the Mormon Silver Ledge"), they in no way represent all of the wealth hidden in California's geography and folklore. Does Death Valley hold more than just sand and arid desert; is it also the "Canyon of Lost Gold" and site of the "Golden Gravels of Goler Wash?" Is the long California coastline covering secrets ("Gold in the Sand") and hidden riches ("Lost North Beach Million," "Five Hundred Pound Silver Ingot")? Are the sprawling metropolises now covering the priceless artifacts of an emperor ("The Hollywood Bowl Treasure")? Outlaws, prospectors, Indians, loners

and Mexicans throw themselves into all the adventure and intrigue. California's mountains, deserts, beaches, and cities—as well as sunken treasure—are all encompassed in this collection.

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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 6th-9th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> Z / <b>LEXILE:</b> 1340L
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ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874834-06-2 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b>
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## BURIED TREASURES OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> W.C. Jameson <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b>
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DESCRIPTION	Modern-day counterparts of the Spanish conquistadors and the early nineteenth-century settlers still cling to the image of El Dorado and the promise of riches. The folklore of the land still exerts its magical pull as the pickup truck has replaced the horse and mule, but treasure hunters still travel with little more than their dreams and hopes. They can be found even now in the mountains and the valleys of the American Southwest, still searching for the elusive riches that have been lost or remain buried in the rugged terrain.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 6th-9th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> Y / <b>LEXILE:</b> 1240L
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ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874830-82-8 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b>
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## CAJUN FOLKTALES

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> J.J. Reneaux <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b>
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DESCRIPTION	Nationally acclaimed storyteller J.J. Reneaux has compiled highly engaging animal stories, fairy tales, ghost stories, and humorous tales from her native Cajun culture.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 5th-7th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> Z / <b>LEXILE:</b> 780L
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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874832-82-2 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874832-83-9

## CONEJITO: A FOLKTALE FROM PANAMA

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Margaret Read MacDonald

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Geraldo Valerio

**DESCRIPTION**

In this action packed folktale from Panama, a clever little rabbit and his Tía Mónica find ways to outwit a fox, a tiger, and a lion, all of whom want to eat him for lunch.

**READING LEVEL**

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** M / **LEXILE:** 460L

**ISBNs**

**PAPERBACK:** 978-1-939160-96-6 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-79-7

## COOL CATS COUNTING

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Sherry Shahan

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Paula Barragan

**DESCRIPTION**

A splashy, colorful, rhythmic illustration of numbers 1-10 in both English and Spanish.

**READING LEVEL**

**INTEREST:** Pre-K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** E / **LEXILE:** 480L

**ISBNs**

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-57-5

## DANCING TURTLE: A FOLKTALE FROM BRAZIL

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** David Boston



**DESCRIPTION**

Turtle loves to dance and play the flute, but her exuberance puts her at risk when her music attracts the attention of a brave hunter who brings her home to make turtle stew. After she is caught, her only hope for escape is the hunter's children and her own wit. This folktale, first told by the indigenous people of Brazil, is now told throughout Latin America. Like the people of Latin America, Turtle always seems to survive any challenge by using her courage and wit. Beautiful watercolors radiant with the dense foliage and hardy wildlife of the Amazon rain forest guide the reader through this timeless adventure story.

**READING LEVEL**

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

**ISBNs**

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874835-02-1

## 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:**

## ELEVEN NATURE TALES: A MULTICULTURAL JOURNEY

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Joe Shlichta

**DESCRIPTION**

In this new millennium, we are faced with a critical question: are we willing to work together to ensure the survival of the planet? Eleven ancient stories address this challenging issue through tales of natural elements such as the sun, moon, stars,

ocean, wind, fire, mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, rocks, trees, and humans.

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READING LEVEL	INTEREST: 5th-8th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: S / LEXILE: 670L
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ISBNs	PAPERBACK: 978-0-874834-58-1 / HARDCOVER:
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## ELEVEN TURTLE TALES

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Joe Shlichta
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DESCRIPTION	If you love animal stories or like turtles, then this collection of eleven turtle stories is for you. Turtle carries the world on her back: this story has been told by different cultures around the world for generations. Like Mother Nature, Turtle is unhurried, wise, and enduring. She walks on land, swims in water, and breathes the air and so embodies three of the four elements of creation. We have much to learn from Turtle in these timeless, classic turtle stories.
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READING LEVEL	INTEREST: 4th-6th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: P / LEXILE: 760L
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ISBNs	PAPERBACK: / HARDCOVER: 978-0-874833-88-1
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## EMERALD LIZARD

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
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DESCRIPTION	For the past three decades, Pleasant DeSpain has explored Latin America—its people, customs, cultures, and especially the myths and legends. The tales in this collection are full of compassionate souls, tricks and humor, explanations of nature and geography, and, as always, memorable characters and places. Mario Lamo-Jiménez's Spanish translation that accompanies the English version reverberates with the rich, vibrant quality that has become the bench mark for the best stories from Latin America.
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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 4th-8th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** T / **LEXILE:** 730L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874835-52-6 / **HARDCOVER:**

## FIESTA!

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Sherry Shahan  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Paula Barragan

**DESCRIPTION**

A colorful romp celebrating traditional festivals and holidays in Latino culture with a festival for each month of the year, written in both English and Spanish

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** P / **LEXILE:** 920L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874838-61-9

## 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.

READING LEVEL

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

ISBNs

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

## GHOST STORIES FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Richard Young Judy Dockrey Young <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b>
DESCRIPTION	Over 140 spine-tingling tales from the hills of the Missouri Valley, the mesas of Texas, the great plains, the swamps of the Bayou and even the cities of California. These classic, timeless ghost stories range from the Monster of Mongollon Run, to the Blue Lady, to the Wolf Girl to Haunted places, to Native American spirits and to ghostly lights.
READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 5th-9th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> Y / <b>LEXILE:</b> 1010L
ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874831-74-0 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b>

## HOLY MOLÉ! A FOLKTALE FROM MEXICO

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Caroline McAlister <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Stefan Czernecki
DESCRIPTION	Carlos is working in the kitchen of the Mexican monastery when the cook enters the room in a panic. The Spanish Viceroy is on his way for a surprise visit and will arrive by noon, expecting dinner. What will the brothers feed this important ambassador to the king? Carlos tries to stay out of the way as lunch is hastily prepared, but his curiosity gets the best of him. His eagerness results in a moment of crisis, followed by what the brothers can only assume is a miracle. This story, inspired by the Mexican folk tradition, explains the origins of molé, the popular national dish that combines chocolate with turkey, spices, and nuts. Stefan Czernecki's amusing, angular illustrations capture the chaos in the kitchen as well as the folk tradition behind the tale.
READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> K-3rd / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> L / <b>LEXILE:</b> 540L
ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> / <b>HARDCOVER:</b> 978-0-874837-75-9

## 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

## JUAN BOBO SENDS THE PIG TO MASS

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Ari Acevedo  
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Tom Wrenn

DESCRIPTION

In Puerto Rico, there are many stories about Juan Bobo, a young man with a good heart but little common sense. In this tale, Juan Bobo's mother tells him to take care of their pig while she goes to church. When the pig won't stop grunting, Juan Bobo decides that the pig must want to go to church as well.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** K-3rd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** H / **LEXILE:** 610L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-83-1 / **HARDCOVER:**

## MEXICAN AMERICAN FOLKLORE

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** John West  
**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

Mexican-American traditions are richly nourished by the folkways of three cultures: Indian, Spanish, and Mexican. This comprehensive look at the Mexican-American

world includes a range of traditional proverbs, riddles, stories and folksongs.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 6th-8th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** Z / **LEXILE:** 1330L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874830-59-0 / **HARDCOVER:**

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## MOMENTOS MAGICOS/MAGIC MOMENTS

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Olga Loya

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

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DESCRIPTION

In Latin American culture—with its blend of Indian, Spanish, Catholic, and African influence—magic is a part of the everyday world. Momentos mágicos, or magic moments, can come in many forms. For storyteller Olga Loya, magic occurs every time an ancient story is passed from teller to listener. The sixteen stories here are full of momentos mágicos. Presented in equally vibrant English and Spanish, they include stories of the supernatural, such as the Mexican tale of La Llorona, the Wailing Woman; of animals and tricksters, such as the Mayan story of how Monkey tricked Crocodile; of strong women, like Blanca Flor (White Flower); and myths, such as La Diosa Hambrienta, the hungry goddess. In stories from Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala, the Yucatan, Nicaragua, Baja California, Puerto Rico, and the Mayan Popol Vhu, Olga Loya works her magic to create humorous, vital, and powerful renditions of centuries-old legends.

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READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-7th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** W / **LEXILE:**

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874834-97-0 / **HARDCOVER:**

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

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** David Holt Bill Mooney

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

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DESCRIPTION

This collection of world tales focuses on stories originating from nearly every

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continent. They are short, gripping stories that "kick in fast," including comedy, trickster, tall tales, and family themes for middle and young readers.

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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 5th-8th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> Y / <b>LEXILE:</b> 930L
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ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874835-83-0 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b>
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## ROOSTER'S NIGHT OUT

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Baird Hoffmire
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DESCRIPTION	In this chain story from Cuba, Rooster learns that he needs a lot of help from his friends to get cleaned up in time for Heron's party. Then the real fun begins.
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> Pre-K-3rd / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> H / <b>LEXILE:</b> 740L
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ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874838-26-8 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b>
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## SPICY HOT COLORS: COLORES PICANTES

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Sherry Shahan <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Paula Barragan
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DESCRIPTION	Colors explode off the page in this energetic, jazzy picture book introducing readers to colors in both English and Spanish. In a style brimming with rhythm and syncopation, author Sherry Shahan introduces nine colors by interweaving images and dance steps. Ecuadoran artist Paula Barragán's illustrations capture the rhythm and vivacity of the text. This book, which Publishers Weekly called "a feast for the eyes and ears," received a NAPPA Gold Award and was featured on the PBS Kids program "Between the Lions".
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READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> Pre-K-3rd / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> E / <b>LEXILE:</b>
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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-15-2 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-41-4

## STOLEN SMELL

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Tom Wrenn

**DESCRIPTION**

In this story from Peru, we meet a baker who is so stingy that he wants to charge people just for smelling his baked goods. When the baker takes his case to court, the wise judge decides to teach the greedy man a well-deserved lesson.

**READING LEVEL**

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

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874838-38-1 / **HARDCOVER:**

## TALES OF CATS (BOOKS OF NINE LIVES)

**AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR**

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Don Bell

**DESCRIPTION**

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

**READING LEVEL**

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** O / **LEXILE:** 670L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874837-13-1

## TALES OF ENCHANTMENT (BOOKS OF NINE LIVES BOOK 7)



AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
DESCRIPTION	A collection of nine traditional tales about leprechauns, dwarfs, shape shifters and other enchanted creatures from various countries, including Russia, Norway, and Germany.
READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> 0 / <b>LEXILE:</b> 640L
ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> / <b>HARDCOVER:</b> 978-0-874837-11-7

### TALES OF HEROES (BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 4)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
DESCRIPTION	Nine inspiring folktales about heroes and their heroic feats, including selections from Hungary, Switzerland, India, Japan, and other parts of the world. Each of these classic stories shares an inspiring message of courage and perseverance.
READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> 0 / <b>LEXILE:</b> 710L
ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> / <b>HARDCOVER:</b> 978-0-874836-66-0

### TALES OF HOLIDAYS (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 5)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
DESCRIPTION	These nine short folktales feature stories about traditional holidays celebrated from Czechoslovakia, Russia, France, the United States, and other parts of the world.
READING LEVEL	<b>INTEREST:</b> 3rd-5th / <b>FOUNTAS &amp; PINNELL:</b> 0 / <b>LEXILE:</b> 690L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874836-67-7

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### TALES OF INSECTS (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 6)

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** 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

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** 0 / **LEXILE:** 590L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874836-68-4

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### TALES OF NONSENSE & TOMFOOLERY (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 2)

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** 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

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** 0 / **LEXILE:** 830L

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ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874836-45-5 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-874836-70-7

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### TALES OF TRICKSTERS (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 1)

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Pleasant DeSpain

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Don Bell

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DESCRIPTION	This book contains nine short traditional and very entertaining folktales about tricksters, featuring selections from Persia, India, Poland, France, and other parts of the world.
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READING LEVEL	INTEREST: 3rd-5th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: 0 / LEXILE: 770L
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ISBNs	PAPERBACK: 978-0-874836-44-8 / HARDCOVER: 978-0-874836-69-1
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### TALES OF WISDOM & JUSTICE (THE BOOKS OF NINE LIVES, 3)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
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DESCRIPTION	This collection of classic and timeless short folktales from Mexico, Israel, Poland, and other parts of the world demonstrates wisdom and justice.
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READING LEVEL	INTEREST: 3rd-5th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: 0 / LEXILE: 880L
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ISBNs	PAPERBACK: 978-0-874836-46-2 / HARDCOVER: 978-0-874836-71-4
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### TALES TO FRIGHTEN AND DELIGHT (BOOKS OF NINE LIVES)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR	<b>AUTHOR:</b> Pleasant DeSpain <b>ILLUSTRATOR:</b> Don Bell
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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.
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READING LEVEL	INTEREST: 3rd-5th / FOUNTAS & PINNELL: 0 / LEXILE: 650L
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ISBNs	PAPERBACK: 978-0-874839-16-6 / HARDCOVER: 978-0-874837-12-4
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## 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

## THREE-MINUTE TALES

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Margaret Read MacDonald

**ILLUSTRATOR:**

DESCRIPTION

This global collection of 80 very short tales from Europe, Asia, the Americas and even a story from Africa include chants, scary ghost stories, humorous stories and more.

READING LEVEL

**INTEREST:** 3rd-5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** O / **LEXILE:** 590L

ISBNs

**PAPERBACK:** 978-0-874837-29-2 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-8748-3728-5

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

AUTHOR &  
ILLUSTRATOR

**AUTHOR:** Martha Hamilton Mitch Weiss

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Carol Lyon

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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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ISBNs	<b>PAPERBACK:</b> 978-0-874836-24-0 / <b>HARDCOVER:</b> 978-0-8748-3625-7
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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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## WISDOM TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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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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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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