

Stories about Bullies Reading



The Adventures of High John the Conqueror

**AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR**

AUTHOR: Steve Sanfield

DESCRIPTION

High John the Conqueror sometimes called simply High John or John was a slave trickster who always outwits 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

ISBN

PAPERBACK: 978-0-8748-3774-2

Billy Brown and the Belly Button Beastie

**AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR**

AUTHOR: Bobby & 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-2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** K / **LEXILE:** 720L

ISBN

HARDCOVER: 978-0-8748-3831-2

The Bully Goat Grim: A Maynard Moose Tale

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR **AUTHOR:** Willy Claflin
ILLUSTRATOR: James Stimson

DESCRIPTION This hilarious Maynard Moose tale, as retold by master storyteller Willy Claflin, takes us on another whimsical journey with the misadventures of a Bully Goat who suffers from Random Hostility Syndrome. The Bully Goat clashes with a three headed troll “fambly” and is undone by a baby girl troll when she suddenly realizes that “everybody ought to mess with him!” Her inspiration leads to a confrontation with the Bully Goat using only a pillow and three raggedy old bed sheets. After she cleverly outwits the Bully Goat, all of the forest animals follow her example and the threat of the bully is eliminated. Fortunately, everyone lives happily for “never afterwards” except for the Bully Goat, since nobody likes a “dubnoxious beastly”.

READING LEVEL **INTEREST:** 2nd – 5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** S / **LEXILE:** 970L

ISBNs **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-8748-3952-4

The 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:** K – 2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** J / **LEXILE:** 630L

ISBNs **PAPERBACK:** 978-0-8748-3828-2

Conejito: A Folktale from Panama

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR **AUTHOR:** Margaret Read MacDonald
ILLUSTRATOR: Geraldo Valerio

DESCRIPTION When Conejito begins his school holiday, he goes to visit his Tía Mónica—or is it the cakes and cookies he knows she will feed him when he arrives? But Conejito runs into a few obstacles on the way to his auntie's, including Señor Zorro, Señor Tigre, and Señor León. Conejito may want to eat Auntie Mónica's treats, but Mr. Fox, Mr. Tiger, and Mr. Lion want to eat him! With his own quick thinking and a little assist from Tía Mónica, Conejito outwits the bigger animals and makes his way safely home. This Latin American folktale from Panama highlight Rabbit's courage and resourcefulness to outwit Fox, Tigre and Lion. It is also accompanied with a song that young readers will love. This folktale from Panama is a great way to introduce Spanish into your children's vocabulary! Award winning author, Margaret Read MacDonald excels at producing a lyrical story that young readers are encouraged to participate in. In addition, Geraldo Valerio's vivid illustrations instill whimsy and fun with each turn of the page.

READING LEVEL **INTEREST:** K-2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** M / **LEXILE:** 460L

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

The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR **AUTHOR:** Heather Forest
ILLUSTRATOR: Susan Gaber

DESCRIPTION Based on a fable from Aesop, the Sun and the Wind test their strength by seeing which of them can cause a man to remove his coat, demonstrating the value of using gentle persuasion rather than brute force as a means of achieving a goal.

READING LEVEL **INTEREST:** K – 2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 460L

ISBNs **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-8748-3832-9 / **PAPERBACK:** 978-1-9391-6066-9

Feathers: A Jewish Tale from Eastern Europe

AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR

AUTHOR: Heather Forest
ILLUSTRATOR: Marcia Cutchin

DESCRIPTION

A wise rabbi uses a pillow full of feathers to teach a gossipy villager a lesson on what happens when a person's reputation and trust are harmed by someone's negative, mean-spirited remarks.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: K-2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 550L

ISBNs

HARDCOVER: 978-0-8748-3755-1

How Tiger Got His Stripes

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: K-2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** H / **LEXILE:** 650L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-8748-3799-5

The Moral of the Story

AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR

AUTHOR: Bobby & Sherry Norfolk

DESCRIPTION

A user-friendly, hands-on approach to using storytelling and folktales to teach character education, as well as twelve stories that are fun to share and easily accessible to a wide range of listeners, from preschool to high school.

ISBNs

HARDCOVER: 978-0-8748-3798-8 / **PAPERBACK:** 978-1-9391-6075-1

The Ogre Bully

**AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR**

AUTHOR: Aaron Hoffmire
ILLUSTRATOR: Aaron Hoffmire

DESCRIPTION

In this story, a farmer and his wife match wits with a large, mean-spirited ogre. If they can't outwit him, they will end up with no crops of their won to eat or sell. This whimsically drawn story is based on an old Swedish folktale.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: K – 2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** J / **LEXILE:** 660L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-8748-3803-9

The Pig Who Went Home on Sunday

**AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR**

AUTHOR: Donald Davis
ILLUSTRATOR: Jennifer Mazzucco

DESCRIPTION

In this award-winning home-grown version of "The Three Little Pigs," the villain is, naturally, a fox – the Appalachian red fox, who any local hunter will tell you is a worthy and cunning opponent. Davis's storytelling skills make full use of the tale's inherent repetition, capturing the mountain rhythms, homestead setting, and rural wisdom of the Appalachians. The bright watercolors depict a clever fox and capture the eastern mountain terrain that has shaped this unique version of a well-known tale.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: K – 2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** H / **LEXILE:** 630L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-8748-3851-0 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-8748-3571-7

Sister Tricksters: Rollicking Tales of Clever Females

**AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR**

AUTHOR: Robert San Souci
ILLUSTRATOR: Daniel San Souci

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.

READING LEVEL

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

ISBNs

HARDCOVER: 978-0-874837-91-9

Tales of Heroes (Book of Nine Lives, Book 4)

**AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR**

AUTHOR: Pleasant DeSpain
ILLUSTRATOR: Don Bell

DESCRIPTION

Nine inspiring folktales about heroes, 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

INTEREST: 3rd – 5th / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** O / **LEXILE:** 710L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-9414-6038-2 / **HARDCOVER:** 978-0-8748-3666-0

Why Koala Has a Stumpy Tail

AUTHOR &
ILLUSTRATOR

AUTHOR: Martha Hamilton & Mitch Weiss

ILLUSTRATOR: Tom Wrenn

DESCRIPTION

When Tree Kangaroo and Koala dig a well to get some water, Tree Kangaroo ends up doing all of the work and Koala ends up with a stumpy tail in this origin story from Australia.

READING LEVEL

INTEREST: K – 2nd / **FOUNTAS & PINNELL:** I / **LEXILE:** 530L

ISBNs

PAPERBACK: 978-0-8748-3879-4