

Fairy Tales/Folklore Books for Kids

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Collections

Lore of the Wild: Folklore and Wisdom from Nature by Claire Cock-Starkey

Did you know that people used to believe that rabbits' ears would twitch in the direction of a thunderstorm? That lily of the valley flowers were formed from fairies' drinking cups? And that taking dandelions into the house would make you wet the bed? Traditional nature folklore can help us understand how our ancestors interacted with the world around them and allows us to view nature from a new perspective.

Myths and Legends of the Middle East by Joanne Randolph

Storytelling is such an integral part of Middle Eastern culture that it's unsurprising that Scheherazade spun tales to save her own life in 1,001 Nights. This volume recounts the legends of the region, spanning several cultures.

Riding a Donkey Backwards: Wise and Foolish Tales of Mulla Nasruddin by Sean Taylor

Would you like to know how a thief can turn into a donkey? Whether a cow can climb a pole? Or why you should spoon yogurt into a lake? Mulla Nasruddin knows all the answers, and he might also tell you why he rides his donkey backwards. Whether in the guise of an imam in a mosque or a beggar in the street, this trickster is never at a loss for a rejoinder, though it may leave you scratching your head, rolling your eyes, or laughing out loud.

Classic Stories

La Princesa and the Pea by Susan Middleton Elya

El príncipe knows this girl is the one for him, but, as usual, his mother doesn't agree. The queen has a secret test in mind to see if this girl is really a princesa, but the prince might just have a sneaky plan, too.

The Three Billy Goats Buenos by Susan Middleton Elya

Three little cabritos have a clever plan to get past the grumpiest troll in the land. But then one of the billy goats wonders: Why is that gigante so grumpy, anyway? This thoughtful question sends their plan in a new direction, and the results are better than they ever imagined.

The Three Little Superpigs by Claire Evans

After defeating the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Little Superpigs spend their days fighting crime and enjoying their newfound fame. But one day, the Big Bad Wolf escapes from prison and plunges Fairyland into fear. Our curly-tailed friends soon discover that bricks are missing all over town. The Superpigs return to their homes to solve the mystery when they realize it has all been a trap! Join our new

superheroes as they escape from the evil clutches of the Big Bad Wolf and save Fairyland in this first Superpigs adventure.

Mother Goose to the Rescue by Nate Evans

Welcome to Mother Goose's House of Rhyme, where a team of firefighting nursery rhyme characters are ready to leap into the action! When the Queen of Hearts's bakery goes up in flame, Chief Mother Goose, The Five Little Piggies, Mary and her little lamb, and the rest of the team are on the case.

It's Not Hansel and Gretel by Josh Funk*

Hansel and Gretel will not listen to their storyteller. For one thing, who leaves a trail of bread crumbs lying around, when there are people starving? Not Hansel, that's for sure! And that sweet old lady who lives in a house made of cookies and candy? There's no way she's an evil witch! As for Gretel, well, she's about to set the record straight—after all, who says the story can't be called Gretel and Hansel? It's time for these wacky siblings to take their fairy tale into their own hands. So sit back and enjoy the gingerbread!

It's Not Little Red Riding Hood by Josh Funk*

Little Red likes to play by the rules. So when the narrator comes along and asks her to follow the story set out in her fairy tale, she grabs the basket for Grandma and goes. After all, she loves her grandma. But unfortunately, none of the other characters are quite what they're expecting. As Little Red attempts to follow the narrator's directions (which, frankly, seem kind of dangerous!), she is beset by fill-in characters, confusing instructions, and even a fierce battle! Will Little Red ever make it to Grandma's house? And who will she find when she gets there?

The Duchess and the Guy by Nancy Furstinger

When he was a pup, Guy was just like any dog in the shelter; he liked to bark and follow his nose, and dreamed of a forever home above all things. But when Guy met Meghan, he had no idea he was about to star in his own Cinderella story. Guy can now be spotted escorting Queen Elizabeth and frolicking in Buckingham Palace.

The Three Little Pigs by Chris Galdone

Three little pigs set out to seek their fortune. Each pig builds himself a house: one of straw, one of sticks, and one of bricks. When a hungry wolf huffs, and puffs, and blows in the houses of two little pigs, the third pig realizes that he might need more than a sturdy house of bricks to keep the wolf away!

Federico and the Wolf by Rebecca J Gomez

With his red hoodie on and his bicycle basket full of food, Federico is ready to visit Abuelo. But on the way, he meets a hungry wolf. And now his grandfather bears a striking resemblance to el lobo. Fortunately, Federico is quick and

clever—and just happens to be carrying a spicy surprise! Federico drives the wolf away, and he and Abuelo celebrate with a special salsa.

Mother Bruce by Ryan Higgins*

Bruce the bear likes to keep to himself. That, and eat eggs. But when his hard-boiled goose eggs turn out to be real, live goslings, he starts to lose his appetite. And even worse, the goslings are convinced he's their mother. Bruce tries to get the geese to go south, but he can't seem to rid himself of his new companions. What's a bear to do?

Little Red Writing by Joan Holub

In this hilarious and exuberant retelling of Little Red Riding Hood, a brave little red pencil finds her way through the many perils of writing a story.

Rapunzel by Rachel Isadora

Gorgeous collages breathe new life into this classic tale, capturing Rapunzel's striking beauty and the lush African setting—a new home for this story—with wonderful details such as Rapunzel's long dreadlocks and the prince's noble steed—a zebra.

Help Wanted: Must Love Books by Janet Sumner Johnson

Shailey loves bedtime, especially reading with her dad. But her dad starts a new job, and it gets in the way of their bedtime routine. So Shailey takes action! She fires her dad, posts a Help Wanted sign, and starts interviews immediately. She is thrilled when her favorite characters from fairytales line up to apply. But Sleeping Beauty can't stay awake, the Gingerbread Man steals her book, and Snow White brings along her whole team. Shailey is running out of options. Is bedtime ruined forever?

The Runaway Tortilla by Eric Kimmel

Tía Lupe and Tío José are famous for their light and airy tortillas, yet when one jumps from the pan and makes a mad dash into the desert, an unexpected adventure evolves in this amusing twist of The Gingerbread Man.

Little Red Ruthie by Gloria Koster (JHO)

It was a chilly winter in the northern woods, but Ruthie did not mind. Dressed in her favorite puffy red coat, she was going to spend Hanukkah with her grandmother, who lived on the other side of the forest. Ruthie was bringing sour cream and applesauce to go along with the yummy latkes. Soon Ruthie was lost in a thicket, and she was not alone. Someone was hiding behind the tree, and when he jumped out, Ruthie found herself face to face with a wolf. Ruthie will have to convince the wolf that eating latkes will be tastier than eating her!

The Poisoned Apple: A Fractured Fairy Tale by Anne Lambelet

The princess is too sweet, too kind—but the witch knows just how to handle a princess like that. One bite from a painstakingly made poisoned apple should do it! Once the apple is in the hands of the princess, the plan is in motion. But when the kindhearted princess gives the apple away, the witch watches as her plot spirals out of control. Can she get the apple back before it's too late? Who will end up with a happily ever after?

Little Red Gliding Hood by Tara Lazar

Little Red Riding Hood straps on ice skates in this fractured fairy tale! A figure-skating enthusiast, Little Red has worn out her skates and must win a pairs competition to earn new ones. But who will be her partner? The Dish is already skating with the Spoon, and Hansel has Gretel. You won't believe what big eyes, sharp teeth, and furry paws her partner has . . . all the better to spin her with!

The Little Blue Bridge by Brenda Maier

Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. One day, she spies some blueberries across the creek and invites her brothers to pick some. Unfortunately, the bridge is blocked by scary Santiago. "I'm the boss, and you can't cross... unless you give me a snack," he demands. One by one, the brothers scamper across, promising Santiago that the next sibling has a better snack. When at last it's Ruby's turn, she refuses to be bullied and creates her own way to cross the creek.

The Little Red Fort by Brenda Maier

Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. One day, she finds some old boards and decides to build something. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build. "Then I'll learn," she says. And she does! When she creates a dazzling fort that they all want to play in, it is Ruby who has the last laugh.

Cinderella by Chloe Perkins (JBO)

A classic story gets a fresh twist in this vibrant Mexican spin on the beloved fairy tale!

The Little Mermaid by Chloe Perkins (JBO)

A classic fairy tale gets a fresh twist in this vibrant Caribbean spin on the beloved tale!

The Princess and the Pea by Chloe Perkins (JBO)

A classic story gets a fresh twist in this vibrant Russian spin on the beloved fairy tale!

Rapunzel by Chloe Perkins (JBO)

A classic story gets a fresh twist in this vibrant Indian spin on the beloved fairy tale!

Snow White by Chloe Perkins (JBO)

A classic story gets a fresh twist in this vibrant Japanese spin on the beloved fairy tale!

The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney

Melody, the littlest sea princess, is not content just to sing in the choir of mermaids like her sisters. She is an explorer who wonders about what lies above the water's surface . . . especially the young girl she has spied from a distance. To meet her requires a terrible sacrifice: she trades her beautiful voice for a potion that gives her legs, so that she may live on land instead. It seems like a dream come true at first. But when trouble stirs beneath the ocean, Melody faces another impossible choice -- stay with her friend, or reclaim her true identity and save her family.

The Tortoise and the Hare by Jerry Pinkney

Even the slowest tortoise can defeat the quickest hare, and even the proudest hare can learn a timeless lesson from the most humble tortoise: Slow and steady wins the race! Here is a superbly rendered journey from starting line to finish that embodies the bravery, perseverance, and humility we can all find inside ourselves.

I am Hua Mulan by Wenjun Qin

A girl retells the story of the legendary female warrior she admires, who long ago fought bravely to protect her people. Hua Mulan learned from her father to ride horses and fight with a spear. When her people were under attack, the army needed more men. To spare her ailing father, Mulan disguised herself as a man and rode off to war. Mulan's bravery and skills won her wide acclaim, but her true identity was never revealed. When the war ended, Mulan returned home to find her family safe and happy.

Beauty and the Beast by Cynthia Rylant

Beauty asks for little, finding joy in simple things and the company of her father. The Beast, shut away from the world in his great stone castle, knows only loneliness. Brought together by a stolen rose, each finds that love may call for sacrifice, but true love can bloom in even the darkest places.

Hansel and Gretel by Cynthia Rylant

Once upon a time, deep in the dark, green forest there was an exquisite house made of cake and sugar-- a house made to lure lost, hungry children. But the witch whose delicious house lured Hansel and his sister, Gretel had forgotten two things about lost children: they can be very clever and very brave.

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by Dan Santat

Everyone knows that when Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened after?

Hensel and Gretel: Ninja Chicks by Corey Rosen Schwartz

These ninja chicks are anything but chicken! When Hensel and Gretel's dad gets snatched by a fox, the sisters put their ninja skills to work to track him down before he can be stir-fried. But are these two little chicks ready to take on a dark tangled forest, a tricky house made of corn bread, and an even trickier fox? This plucky pair isn't giving up without a fight! Kiya!

The Three Ninja Pigs by Corey Rosen Schwartz

Why does this wolf think he can come to town and blow all the houses down? These three little pigs just aren't going to take it from that bully anymore! The first starts aikido lessons---he'll make mincemeat out of that wolf! His brother learns a little jujitsu--he'll chop that guy to pieces!

Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries by Mark Teague

FEE FI FO FUM! When Jack trades the family cow for a handful of magic beans, he gets more beans than he ever expected or wanted. It doesn't take long before Jack is tired of eating nothing but beans--no matter how nutritious! But just as he's about to chop down his magic beanstalk, he meets a grumpy giant, who is just as sick and tired of beans as he is. Together, Jack and the giant cook up a plan to plant a vegetable garden full of tomatoes, corn, carrots, and russet potatoes that's bound to satisfy everyone.

There Was an Old Lady Who Lived in a Book by Jomike Tejido

The little old woman who lives in a book has lost her children! But instead of sitting around and waiting for them to show up, in a refreshingly empowering, feminist take on the classic tale, she departs on a mission to find her kids herself--even if it means popping into every other fairy tale and nursery rhyme in town! She'll enlist the help of Humpty Dumpty, Jack and his beanstalk, Princess Beauty, the Three Bears, and more familiar characters in her quest to rescue her kids.

Interstellar Cinderella by Deborah Underwood

With a little help from her fairy godrobot, Cinderella is going to the ball. But when the prince's ship has mechanical trouble, someone will have to zoom to the rescue! Readers will thank their lucky stars for this irrepressible fairy tale retelling, its independent heroine, and its stellar happy ending.

The Three Little Yogis and the Wolf Who Lost His Breath by Susan Verde

Once upon a time there lived a wolf who lost his huff and his puff. It was a BIG, BAD problem! One morning, the wolf came upon a peaceful little yogi doing sun salutations. The wolf wanted to huff and puff and bloow her hut down into a big pile of straw. But instead the yogi suggested, "Let's meditate on that!" Soon the wolf met a second yogi, and then a third. He may have lost his huff and puff—but with the help of three new yogi friends, can the wolf find his breath?

The Tossy-Turny Princess and the Pesky Pea by Susan Verde

Once upon a time there lived a very busy princess who never had trouble falling asleep. Until one night, when a pesky pea changed all that! Without sleep, the princess feels cranky, and clumsy, and filled with worry that she'll never sleep again. Will this tossy-turny princess ever be able to calm her mind, relax her body, and finally get some rest?

Chicken Little by Sam Wedelich*

Chicken Little is NOT afraid of anything. Well, okay, maybe a mysterious BONK to the head can produce panic. But only momentarily. It's not as though she meant to send the barnyard into a tailspin, thinking that the sky was falling. How ridiculous! But can she calm her feathered friends with facts and reason?

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems

Once upon a time, there were three hungry Dinosaurs: Papa Dinosaur, Mama Dinosaur . . . and a Dinosaur who happened to be visiting from Norway. One day—for no particular reason—they decided to tidy up their house, make the beds, and prepare pudding of varying temperatures. And then—for no particular reason—they decided to go . . . someplace else. They were definitely not setting a trap for some succulent, unsupervised little girl. Definitely not!

Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas by Natasha Yim (JHO)

It's Chinese New Year, and Goldy Luck's mother wants her to take a plate of turnip cakes to the neighbors. The Chans aren't home, but that doesn't stop Goldy from trying out their rice porridge, their chairs, and their beds—with disastrous results.

Princes/Princesses

The Truly Brave Princesses by Dolores Brown

There's a princess closer than you think. You just have to open your eyes and your heart wide. Don't expect your typical fairytale princesses inside this book. These princesses are neighbors, schoolmates, the cashier at your supermarket, a lawyer, an architect. . . if you watch closely, princesses are all around you, and they are brave, caring and determined.

Princess Kevin by Michael Escoffier

This year, Kevin is going to the school fancy dress show as a princess. Wearing his sister's dress and his mom's lipstick, Kevin knows he looks good. His costume is perfect but he knows that the best costumes are authentic. So he is outraged that none of the knights will partner with him and complete the look. Things don't go quite as smoothly as he planned. Next year, there is only one thing for it. He will just have to be something even more fabulous.

Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming

What would you do if you were invited to the princess's tenth birthday party but didn't have money for a gift? Well, clever Jack decides to bake the princess a cake. Now he just has to get it to the castle in one piece. What could possibly go wrong?

Princess Arabella at the Museum by Mylo Freeman

Princess Arabella and her friends go to the museum. There are works of different artists exhibited: some are big and others are small. In some works you can lose yourself and others make you smile. Then the children want to go home. Why? Because they want to make their own work of art!

Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast by Josh Funk*

A thoroughly delicious picture book about the funniest "food fight" ever! Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast have a beautiful friendship—until they discover that there's ONLY ONE DROP of maple syrup left. Off they go, racing past the Orange Juice Fountain, skiing through Sauerkraut Peak, and reeling down the linguini. But who will enjoy the sweet taste of victory? And could working together be better than tearing each other apart?

Prince & Knight by Daniel Haake

In this modern fairy tale, a noble prince and a brave knight come together to defeat a terrible monster and in the process find true love in a most unexpected place.

Prince & Knight: Tale of the Shadow King by Daniel Haake

Our brave and dashing heroes, the prince and the knight, are happily married and their kingdom is prospering, but soon, a fog of darkness that blocks the sun spreads across their land. They get word that the cause of this is a dark and mysterious Shadow King, and they rush off to find and stop him, but encounter many obstacles along the way. Will they be able to restore the light to their kingdom?

Maiden & Princess by Daniel Haake

Once in a faraway kingdom, a strong, brave maiden is invited to attend the prince's royal ball, but she's not as excited to go as everyone else. After her mother convinces her to make an appearance, she makes a huge impression on

everyone present, from the villagers to the king and queen, but she ends up finding true love in a most surprising place.

Princess Dinosaur by Daniel Kibblesmith

Princess Dinosaur loves wearing pink dresses and hosting fancy tea parties. But she also loves roaring and making messes. Embodying both parts of her personality to the fullest, Princess Dinosaur isn't just one thing, she's a princess and a dinosaur (and some other things, too)!

Princesses Can Fix It by Tracy Marchini

The castle is crawling with wayward alligators, and the clueless king doesn't know how to fix it. Lila, Margaret, and Harriet have lots of ideas, but their father won't listen! According to him, the Princesses should be focusing on proper pursuits like drawing, jewelry, and music. When the three girls start falling asleep during the day, the King sends the Prince to investigate. What he discovers is that the three princesses are gathering at night to use their knowledge of the six simple machines to invent an ingenious alligator removal contraption in their secret workshop.

Fresh Princess by Denene Millner

Meet Destiny—a cool, energetic, and strong-willed young girl who approaches every day with her own signature style! That is, until she moves to a brand-new neighborhood, where nothing looks quite the same as it did at her old house. Even with new challenges and new friends to make, Destiny always has a plan. With a few reminders from her loving family and after remembering what being the Fresh Princess is all about, she may just take the leap and jump right in!

Would You Rather Be a Princess or a Dragon? by Barney Saltzberg

Some little ones want to be princesses; others want to be dragons. The message of this book is that you can actually be both! There are lots of things you can be: a little wild, a little sweet. A little polite, a little troublesome. A little dainty, a little dragony. There's nothing stopping you from being just what you want to be . . . so which would you rather be: a princess or a dragon? Here's just the book to help you sort through that difficult question. You might be surprised at what you decide by its end.

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink by Jane Yolen

Princesses come in all kinds. Some jump in mud puddles and climb trees, play sports and make messes—all while wearing their tiaras! Not every girl has a passion for pink, but all young ladies will love this empowering affirmation of their importance and unlimited potential.

Nursery Rhymes

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep by Jane Cabrera

A girl who can't seem to stop knitting and a sheep who just can't say no star in this captivating new rendition of the well-loved nursery song. As a host of characters from nursery rhymes receive wonderful handmade gifts, poor Black Sheep's coat grows thinner. But there is a special reward in store for a generous sheep in this story about the joy of giving.

Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush by Jane Cabrera

Two young pups are excited to go outside and play - but first they have to get ready for school. Sing along as they wake up, brush their teeth, get dressed, march to school, and finally get to go have fun. All the neighborhood children - from three young mice bundled up tight to a cuddly pig in a cozy hat - brave the cold to play together.

If You're Happy and You Know It by Jane Cabrera

Get young readers moving, clapping, and flapping with this brightly colored sing along picture book full of joyful jungle animals. Nod along with groovy giraffe, flap with baby bird, and ROAR out loud with lion.

Old McDonald Had a Farm by Jane Cabrera

Take children on a musical journey through Old MacDonal'd's farm to learn the sounds of farm animals - and find out what surprises might be in store for Old MacDonal'd himself!

One, Two Buckle My Shoe by Jane Cabrera

Rabbit needs to one, two, buckle her shoe and three, four, run out the door so she can help her neighbor Mommy Hen prepare a yummy surprise for the little pigs' birthday party. Meanwhile, Mommy Hen's four little chickes are causing mischief.

Over in the Meadow by Jane Cabrera

Animal moms and their babies learn and play together on a beautiful day over in the meadow. But each family is a different size. Can you number them all?

Rock-a-Bye Baby by Jane Cabrera

In the branches and beneath the roots, tucked into nooks and nests, different animals, large and small, are getting ready for bed. The baby bat nestles with its mother, the bunny burrows in safe and warm—even a cheerful, fuzzy spider settles on its sparkling web. At the end, a human father and his baby watch the tree from a distance, joining in on the sleepy song.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera

In this vibrantly-painted rain forest, squeak, bark, and chatter along with a kitten and puppy rowing their way down the stream. Uncover one delightful animal surprise after another.

Ten in the Bed by Jane Cabrera

A tiny sleepy mouse is ready to get into bed. But there are nine others lying down too. One by one the animal friends roll over and out of the bed and straight into a new adventure story. The dog princess climbs from her bed-topped tower. The rabbit astronaut takes off from her bed-rocket-ship. The bear pilot parachutes out of his bed-plane. Count and sing along until everyone is - at last - ready for a good night's sleep.

There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe by Jane Cabrera

Readers follow along as a woman and her household of high-spirited children and their pets reuse and recycle everyday items. The crew repair their broken furniture, find alternative modes of transportation when the car breaks down, and remake worn clothing with colorful patches.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Jane Cabrera

On a beautiful night an owl sings to his owlet, a deer to her fawn, a whale to her calf. Animal parents all over the world sing this lullaby to their young, celebrating parents' love for their children.

The Wheels on the Bus by Jane Cabrera

A lion roars, flamingos flap, and a hyena laughs a big ha-ho-hee as they travel on the bus with their animal friends. Don't forget to watch out for the crocodile too, whose jaws go snap!

Twinkle Twinkle Little Kid by Drew Daywalt

Everyone knows that kids wish upon stars, but did you know that stars wish upon kids, too? When Clyde makes a wish on a star before bedtime, he doesn't expect the star to actually show up in his bedroom. Then Star reveals she made a wish, too! But both their wishes are secret.

Pete the Cat: Five Little Ducks by Eric and Kimberly Dean

Five little ducks went out to play, with one cool cat leading the way. Sing along with Pete the Cat in his groovy adaptation.

Pete the Cat: Five Little Pumpkins by Eric and Kimberly Dean (JHO)

Young Halloween fans will enjoy chanting along with Pete in a groovy rendition of the classic favorite children's song.

Pete the Cat: Petes Go Marching by Eric and Kimberly Dean

Join Pete the Cat as he rocks out to this classic tune with a supercool twist.

This is the Nest that Robin Built by Denise Fleming

Robin is building a nest, and her friends are ready to help! The squirrel trims the twigs. The dog brings the string. The horse shares his straw. And then a surprise gatefold spread reveals how Robin knits them all together to make a safe and cozy home for her babies.

Blue Ridge Babies 1, 2, 3 by Laura Sperry Gardner

Explore the Blue Ridge Mountains, a part of the Appalachian range that teems with fascinating plant and wildlife, through the memorable frame of the engaging folk song "Over in the Meadow." Amongst budding dogwood trees, crooked creeks, mountains fading to heaven, and other stunning settings, animal mothers and their young all play a part in the great wide wilderness. Count the babies on every page.

We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt by Goldie Hawk (JHO)

Three trick-or-treaters are looking for the perfect pumpkin on a beautiful, Halloween night. They have to make their way through some sticky cobwebs, flying bats, and even a dark, spooky house! But they're not scared. The trick-or-treaters eventually find their pumpkin and...a ghost!

'Ohana Means Family by Ilima Loomis

Join the family, or ohana, as they farm taro for poi to prepare for a traditional luau celebration with a poetic text in the style of "The House That Jack Built."

Three Little Kittens by Barbara McClintock

Make way for the three little kittens who lost their mittens -- as you've never seen them before!

The Hips on the Drag Queens Go Swish, Swish, Swish by Lil Miss Hot Mess

Written by a founding member of the nationally recognized Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH), this playful picture book offers a quirky twist on a classic nursery rhyme by illustrating all of the ways to "work it."

The Ghosts Went Floating by Kim Norman (JHO)

Trick-or-treat with ghosts, skeletons, witches, zombies, and all sorts of cute and creepy creatures in this fun-filled Halloween counting adventure!

Hush, Little Trucker by Kim Norman

A new spin on the classic song "Hush, Little Baby," this truck-themed lullaby follows a mother and child as they discover different vehicles, from a bulldozer to a front-end loader.

Girls and Boys Come Out to Play by Tracey Campbell Pearson

Mother Goose herself invites kids to come out to play with all their favorite nursery rhyme characters in this popular Mother Goose rhyme.

Mother Goose of Pudding Lane by Chris Raschka

We all love to hear Mother Goose rhymes and riddles. But did you know that there was a real Mother Goose who lived in Boston more than three hundred years ago?

We're Going on a Goon Hunt by Michael Rex (JHO)

A goon hunt is no easy task. A twisted tangled pumpkin patch, murky bubbling swamp, and foggy crumbling graveyard are just a few of the obstacles these kids will have to go through, skulking monsters included. And when the Goon finally makes an appearance--under the covers they go! Except one brave child who finds monsters more fun than scary.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Join a father and his four young children as they cross a field of tall, wavy grass, wade through a deep, cold river, struggle through swampy mud, find their way through a big, dark forest, fight through a whirling snowstorm, and enter finally enter a narrow, gloomy cave. What will they find there?

Mother Goose Goes to India by Kabir and Surishtha Sehgal

Mother Goose takes a trip to India in this unique collection of nursery rhymes with a distinctly Indian flair. This little *sooar* (pig) goes to the bazaar. Little Miss Muffet eats *dahi* (yogurt) until a *makadee* (spider) scares her away. Little Jack Horner eats Diwali sweets.

Five Little Pumpkins on Sesame Street by Sesame Street (JHO)

Join Elmo, Cookie Monster, Abby, Zoe, and Grover in the adventure as they get dressed as five little pumpkins and go out trick-or-treating.

The Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Trapani

This all-new adventure for the itsy bitsy spider has exciting encounters with a fan, a mouse, a rocking chair, a cat, and a big maple tree. Finally, the itsy bitsy spider finds a lovely spot to spin a new silky web.

The Piñata that the Farm Maiden Hung by Samantha Vamos

A young girl sets out on errands for the day, and while she's gone, the farm maiden prepares a piñata from scratch with help from a boy, horse, goose, cat, sheep, and farmer. After they all fall asleep in the afternoon sun, they must scramble to finish preparations in time--just as the girl arrives back to her surprise party.

The Tree House That Jack Built by Bonnie Verburg

A wonderful bedtime story about the house that Jack built, filled with ingenious inventions and all manner of brightly colored wild creatures who visit him there. Eye-popping colors and a fun read-aloud text that winds little ones down for sleep.

Over at the Construction Site by Bill Wise

Spend a day with mommy and daddy construction vehicles—bulldozers, front loaders, cement mixers, and more—as they encourage their little ones to push, dig, cut, dump, mix, and tip!

Folktales/Legends

Waa'aka': The Bird Who Fell in Love with the Sun by Cindi Alvitre

Waa'aka' was born when the earth was soft and the waters were new. It was the beginning of time." So begins Cindi Alvitre's vivid and multifaceted telling of a traditional Tongva creation story from Southern California.

Sion's Misfortune by Jiafei Chen

Sion is a fortune-teller who lives in an ancient Chinese kingdom with his son and a beloved horse. When Sion begins to experience a series of unlucky events, he shocks everyone in town by saying that it is a sign of good things to come. Will Sion lose his reputation for being the wisest man in the kingdom, for how could misfortune ever be a blessing?

Once Upon an Hour by Ann Yu-Kyung Choi

Yu-Rhee, a young Korean girl, wants to know how to tell time using a clock. Her mother tells her a tale from her childhood based on the traditional Korean practice of timekeeping, where the 12 animals of the zodiac are assigned to 2-hour sections of the 24-hour clock.

Little Bear by Casey Dawn

When a lonely old woman finds a polar bear cub with no mother of his own, she adopts him, and cares for him as he grows. The bear cub rides in her hood and sleeps by her side. The old woman loves the bear like her own child, but her heart also knows: bears belong in the wild.

The Star Festival by Moni Ritchie Hadley (JHO)

The Emperor of the Heavens separates his daughter, Orihime, from her love, Hikoboshi, all year—but on this day the two stars finally reunite, crossing a bridge over the Milky Way. For Keiko, her mama, and her grandmother, Tanabata is about making tanzaku wishes, taking in the colorful decorations, and eating delicious food like nagashi somen and shaved ice. But when Obaasan gets lost in the crowd, Keiko and Mama must make their own bridge to find her again—and see if their tanzaku comes true.

El Cucuy is Scared, Too! by Donna Barba Higuera

Ramón is a little boy who can't sleep. He is nervous for his first day at a new school. And El Cucuy is the monster who lives in Ramón's cactus pot. He can't sleep, either. It turns out that El Cucuy is scared, too!

The Three Latkes by Eric Kimmel (JHO)

When three Hanukkah latkes fight over which of them tastes the best, the winner is decided by the family cat. Which will he choose? The excited latkes can't wait to find out, but perhaps they should be careful what they wish for!

Gloria's Porridge by Elizabeth Laird

Gloria is making a delicious porridge, but she's too hungry to share it with the cat. When Gloria goes to fetch some water, the cat eats all the porridge. Angry Gloria shakes her spoon at the cat, and the scared cat runs away, starting a chaos around her.

A Big Bed for Little Snow by Grace Lin

Little Snow loves the new big, soft bed Mommy made him for the long, cold winter nights. But Mommy says this bed is for sleeping, not jumping! What happens when he can't resist jump, jump, jumping on his new fluffy, bouncy bed?

A Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?

Nian, the Chinese New Year Dragon by Virginia Loh-Hagan (JHO)

Mei hates springtime. Why? Because it's only in the spring that Nian, a fierce dragon, is able to leave his mountain prison under the sea to terrorize the local village. When the villagers hear the rumblings of Nian's hungry stomach, they know that winter has ended and spring is coming. But this year on the night before the first day of spring, a magical warrior visits Mei in her dreams. He tells Mei that it is her destiny to face and defeat Nian. But she must do it within 15 days or the dragon will be free forever.

The Little Green Hen by Alison Murray

On top of a hill, inside an old and very fruitful apple tree, lives Little Green Hen. She prunes the tree's branches, rids it of pests, and sows its seeds so that more trees will grow. But soon the work proves too much, and Little Green Hen seeks some help. Dog, Sparrow, and Squirrel are glad to pitch in. But Peacock, Fox, and Cat have far more important things to do — until the storms roll in, the rain comes down, and the waters rise.

How the Finch Got His Colors by Annemarie Riley Guertin

Many years ago, before the world bloomed in magnificent colors, the Earth lay stark and gray. The animals that graced its skies and roamed its lands were the colors of dirt, clay, and stone - until Rainbow descended to bestow her colors on the creatures of the world. Each bird asked for a bright and beautiful color: green for Parrot, red for Cardinal, and yellow for Canary. But will there be any colors

left for little Gouldian Finch? He soon learns the power of patience and the beauty of all creatures.

Anansi and the Golden Pot by Taiye Selasi

Kweku has grown up hearing stories about the mischievous spider Anansi. He is given the nickname Anansi by his father because of his similarly cheeky ways. On a holiday to visit his beloved Grandma in Ghana, Anansi the spider and Anansi the boy meet, and discover a magical pot that can be filled with whatever they want. Anansi fills it again and again with his favorite red-red stew, and eats so much that he feels sick. Will he learn to share this wonderful gift?

Sugar in Milk by Thrity Umrigar

A long time ago, a group of refugees arrived on a foreign shore. The local king met them, determined to refuse their request for refuge. But there was a language barrier, so the king filled a glass with milk and pointed to it as a way of saying that the land was full and couldn't accommodate the strangers. Then, the leader of the refugees dissolved sugar in the glass of milk. His message was clear: Like sugar in milk, our presence in your country will sweeten your lives. The king embraced the refugee, welcoming him and his people.

Little Red Henry by Linda Urban

Little redheaded Henry's family treats him like a baby. They dress him. They feed him. They brush his "widdle toofers." But he's not a baby anymore. He's a little boy who wants to do things for himself. So with his family watching anxiously from the wings, Henry sets out on a glorious day of independence. But will things swing too far in the other direction?

Kuan Yin: The Princess Who Became the Goddess of Compassion by Maya Van Der Meer

Miao Shan isn't your typical princess. She likes to spend her time quietly meditating with the creatures of the forest or having adventures with dragons and tigers. Miao Shan's heart is so full of love that her dream is to spread happiness throughout the land and help people endlessly. But her father has other plans for her--he intends to have her married and remain in the palace. With the help of her little sister Ling, Miao Shan escapes and begins her journey to discover the true meaning of compassion. During their adventure, Ling and Miao Shan are eventually separated. Ling must overcome doubts, fears, and loneliness in order to realize what her sister had told her all along--that love is the greatest power in the world. After the sisters' reunion, Miao Shan realizes her true calling as Kuan Yin, the goddess of compassion.

The Clever Tailor by Srividhya Venkat

With timeless art that swirls through the pages like a traditional Indian turban, this is a contemporary Indian take on a European folktale about the value of being resourceful and finding creative ways to minimize waste.

Taíno Tales: The Secret of the Hummingbird by Vicky Weber

Alida lives in paradise, so what could go wrong? When she meets a boy from the opposing tribe, their friendship quickly blossoms into something more. What will happen if someone discovers their forbidden love?