



WINGS Traditional Tales

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About

Old favourites are brought to life in this multi-cultural collection
Traditional stories allows children to experience comparative literature across cultures.

Cumulative Tales

To young children, there is something irresistible about cumulative tales and their dynamic growth as the text uncoils through the repetition of characters and their actions. This snowballing of words and rhythm allows children to predict and recall words as they join in the telling.

The fact that so many cumulative tales have survived the test of time through various cultures gives some insight into the role of the traditional village storyteller.

Fables

Fables are classified as 'exemplars' in literature. Their purpose is to teach a moral through the actions of the characters. The characters are usually animals and the plots are usually short. The theme of a fable is often stated at the conclusion as a moral.

Fairytales

A fairytale is a fantasy narrative in which characters use magic to cause and solve problems. Fairytales do not necessarily involve fairies but can include fantasy characters such as beasts, dragons, elves, wizards, fairy godmothers, giants or witches.

Folktales

A folktale is a traditional narrative handed down through generations of storytellers in various cultures. Every culture has its own collection of folktales as part of its cultural heritage.

There are different styles of folktale (for example, beast tales, cumulative tales, fools' tales, trickster tales, nonsense tales, pourquoi tales, hero tales and tall tales). These are subsets of the whole genre of folktales. However, in this collection, we look at folktales that focus more on realism, albeit sometimes with animal characters, to show certain values and wisdom but do not rely on magic.

Fools' tales

Fools' tales are evidence of culture being able to laugh at itself. It is common among cultures to have tales about people who act in a foolish way. Fools' tales across very different cultures show characters that are truly foolish in their decisions, but there are other characters who are called fools but actually have wisdom.

Myths, hero tales and tall tales

Myths and hero tales are narratives that involve superhuman characters, such as gods and fantasy super-beings, or happenings that are not part of the natural world. Myths are often old tales that were told in ancient religions to explain natural aspects of the world and life. Tall tales involve exaggeration as a form of humour.

About how and why tales (pourquoi)

A pourquoi tale is a narrative with the theme and purpose of explaining why something is so. It is also called a 'how and why' story and is a common part of the traditional tales of most cultures. They were created to explain phenomena that could not be explained in any other way at the time. Science has now provided answers to questions about the moon, the sun, geological features, but the pourquoi tale is still a popular vehicle for storytellers to create a new story.

Giant, ogre and beast tales

These tales include giants, ogres, beasts, monsters or trolls as characters. Often these characters play the role of bullies, and the protagonist is often small in comparison. Sometimes there is a cross-over with fairytales when the beast is actually a result of a magic curse that has to be broken.

There can even be a further cross-over with hero tales where the protagonist is a strong hero, but the beast is a cursed being such as in Perseus and Medusa from Greek mythology. Or in the case of Hedda and the Ogre, and The Brave Little Tailor, there is a strong element of a trickster character in story style.

Trickster tales

Trickster tales feature people or animals as characters who use their wits to solve a problem and trick another character who is often greedy, unfair, powerful, pompous, threatening or evil. These tales are often humorous or dramatic depending on the nature of the character who is being tricked.



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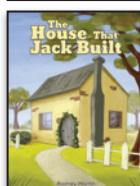
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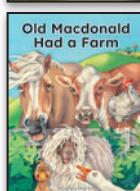
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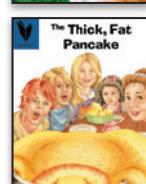
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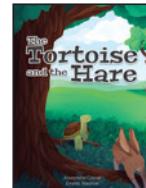
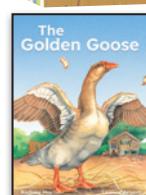
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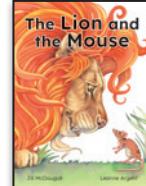
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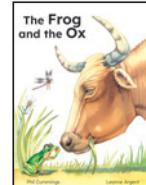
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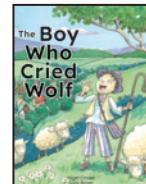
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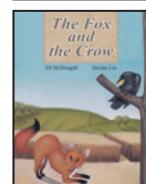
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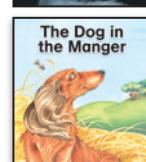
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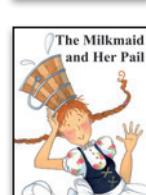
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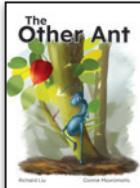
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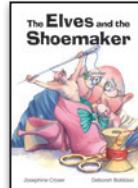
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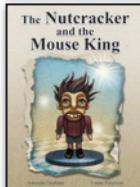
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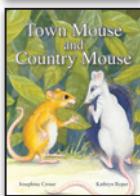
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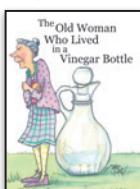
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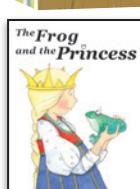
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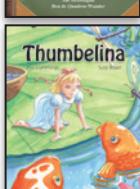
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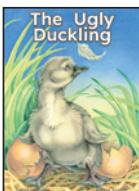


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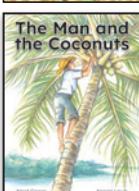
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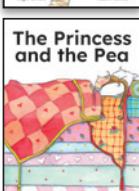
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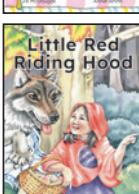
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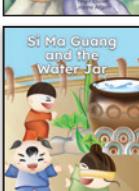
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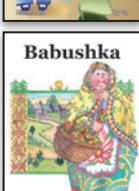
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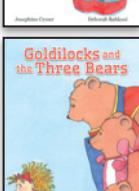
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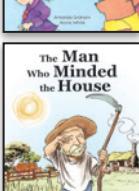
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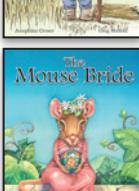
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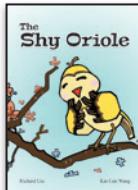
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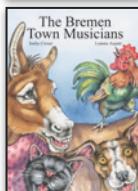
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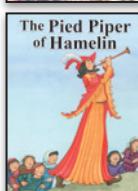
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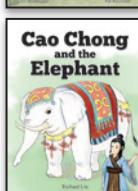
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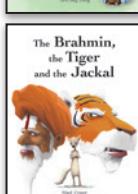
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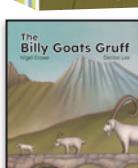
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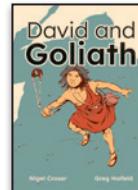
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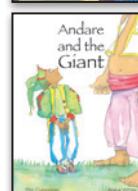
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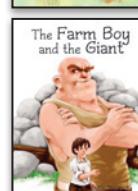
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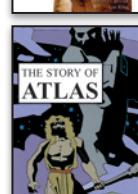
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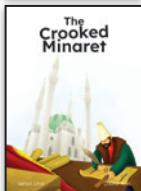
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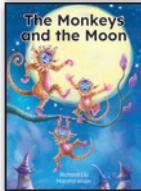
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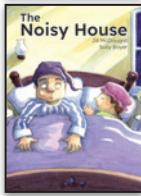
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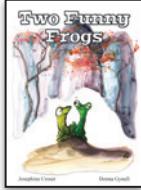
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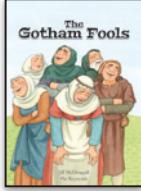
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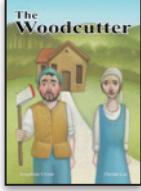
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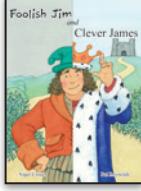
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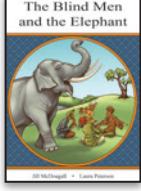
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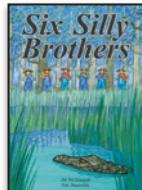
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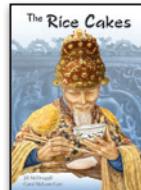
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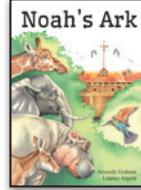
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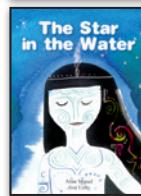
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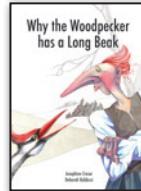
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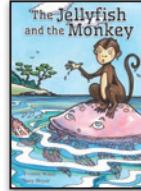
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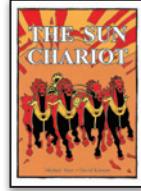
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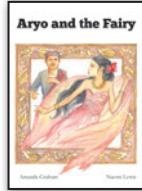
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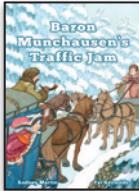
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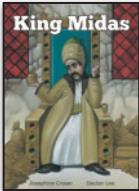
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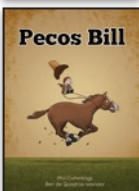




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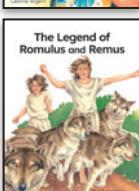
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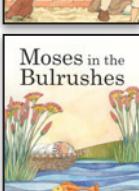
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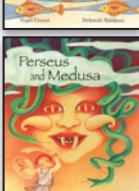
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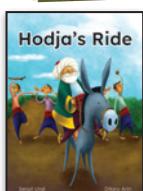


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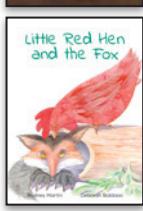
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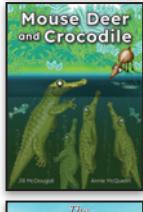
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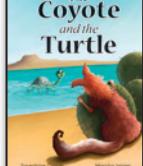
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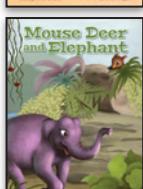
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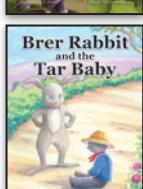
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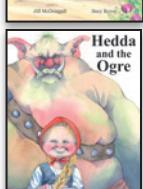
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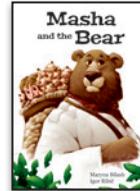
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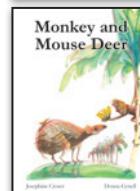
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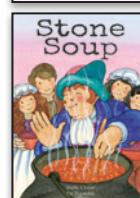
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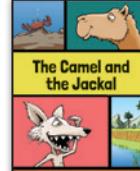
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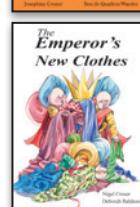
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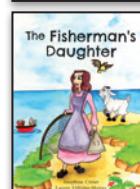
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