

Folk and Fairy Tales from around the world  
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Fairy (general):

Pockets Jennifer Armstrong (Crown, 1998) a hardworking people are brought alive by the exciting and mysterious embroidery that begins to appear in their pockets, igniting their imaginations.

Mangaboom Charlottle Pomerantz (Greenwillow, 1997) a giantess and a boy make friends as she searches for a secret admirer.

King Stork Howard Pyle (Morrow, 1998) a re-issue of a tale whereby a drummer tries to win the hand of a heartless princess with the help of a magic stork.

A Weave of Words Robert D. SanSouci (Orchard, 1998) a prince wins a weaver's heart by learning to read, write, and be useful.

Ouch! Natalie Babbitt (HC, 1998) A little known Grimm tale of young Marco who starts as a nobody, becomes a king, but has to visit Hell along the way.

Hansel and Gretel Jane Ray (Candlewick, 1997) a great re-telling of this classic tale, with special attention to the characterization.

William the Curious Charles Santore (Random, 1997) a queen's order for perfection turns the castle moat into a junkpile and only William has the courage to tell her what she's accomplished.

The Ugly Duckling Jerry Pinkney (Morrow, 1999) a beautifully illustrated re-telling of the classic Anderson fairy tale.

Toads and Diamonds (Cinderella) Charlotte Huck (Greenwillow, 1996) a nice young girl receives an unexpected gift, but when the stepmother sends the mean stepsister back for her own gift, the results are not the same.

Fractured:

Wolf Becky Bloom (Orchard, 1999) the big bad wolf gets a library card and a whole new world opens to him.

King Long Shanks Jane Yolen (HB, 1998) the emperor's new clothes takes a turn with this amphibian retelling.

Jack and the Giant Jim Harris (Northland, 1997) a wild west setting and hilarious names are just the beginning with this hilarious retelling.

Big Foot Cinderella Tony Johnston (Putnam, 1998) not a conventional beauty, this Cinderella is sure to be a Northwest favorite.

Swine Lake James Marshall (HC, 1999) Maurice Sendak illustrates a comical, modern look at this classic tale, with a three little pigs influence.

Bubba the Cowboy Prince (Cinderella) Helen Ketterman (Scholastic 1997) This Texas tale makes Bubba our Cinderella, and the local Cattle Baroness Prince Charming. Great voice.

The Frog Prince C. Drew Lamm (Orchard, 1999) a mixed up girl finds a frog in her picket and tries to get his story straight so he'll give her back her money.

New Fangled Fairy Tales Bruce Lansky (Meadowbrook, 1997) ten tales with a twist, there are two volumes.

Cinderhazel (Cinderella) Deborah Nourse Lattimore (Scholastic, 1997) a Halloween Cinderella tries to convince Prince Alarming that she's the one.

The Bootmaker and the Elves Susan Lowell (Orchard, 1997) another cowboy setting, the local bootmaker who is not very skilled suddenly produces amazing products.

Little Red Cowboy Hat Susan Lowell (HHT, 1997) a western Red Riding Hood  
Cinderella's Rat Susan Meddaugh (HM, 1997) When the fairy Godmother turns him into a coachman, this former rat encounters some difficulty adjusting.

A Handful of Beans Jeanne Steig (HC, 1998) six fairy tales retold with a twist and illustrated by William Steig.

Rapunzel, a Happenin' Rap David Vozar (DD, 1998) another fairy tale rap from the author who brought you "Yo, Hungry Wolf".

The Emperor's Old Clothes Kathryn Lasky (HBM 1999) Whatever happened to the emperor's old clothes? A farmer wears them, creating quite a stir in the barnyard.

### Europe:

Brave Margaret (Ireland) Robert D. SanSouci (SS, 1999) a strong young woman dreams of adventure, finds it, and makes it home wiser, richer, and with a man to love.

Finn MacCoul & His Fearless Wife (Ireland) Robert Byrd (Dutton, 1999) a giant and his wife team up to outwit a bully.

Lucy Dove (England) Janice Del Negro (DK, 1998) a seamstress tries to win a prize by sewing trousers in a haunted churchyard.

The Mightiest Heart (Wales) Lynn Cullen ('??) This faithful dog, Gelert, makes himself and his master legendary through his devotion.

At the Wish of A Fish (Russia) J. Patrick Lewis (Atheneum, 1999) a simpleton gets a wish from a fish and catches the attention of the tsar.

Up the Chimney (England) Margaret Hodges (HH, 1998) a witch takes on a clever girl as an assistant, as long as she doesn't look up the chimney.

Nicholas Pipe Robert D. San Souci (Dial, 1997) a mer-man story from the English

tradition of the Selkie, beautifully illustrated by David Shannon.

Days of the Blackbird (Italy) Tomie de Paola (Putnam, 1997) de Paola ponders a possible explanation of how this celebration came to be.

Tale of a Tail (Hungary) Juditz Bodnar (LLS, 1998) a fox makes an offhand comment to a foolish bear, who takes his advice very literally.

Clay Boy Mirra Ginsburg (Greenwillow, 1997) the Golem meets the gingerbread man in this story of a clay creature gone astray.

The Brothers' Promise (Jewish) Frances Harber (AW, 1998) two very different brothers help each other in times of need.

The Way Meat Loves Salt (Jewish Cinderella) Nina Jaffe (HHT, 1998) part Cindrella, part King Lear, the youngest of three daughters follows her own path to love.

Raisel's Riddle (Jewish Cinderella) Erica Silverman (FSG, 1999) another Cinderella motif, this one has a riddle instead of a glass slipper.

Luba & the Wren (Russia) Patricia Polacco (Philomel, 1999) a girl saves a wren and get a wish that snowballs

China:

DaWei's Treasure Margaret & Raymond Chang (Margaret K. McElderberry, 1999) a boy finds magic, riches, and true love in a gift from the sea.

Ten Suns Eric A. Kimmel (HH, 1998) the ten sons of heaven walk across the sky together, causing disaster.

Beautiful Warrior Emily Arnold McCully (Scholastic, 1998) Wu Mei, the "Beautiful Warrior" of legend, helps a girl defeat a bandit and save her family

The Dragon's Tale Demi (HHT, 1996) Tales of the animals of the Chinese Zodiac.

The Greatest Treasure Demi (Scholastic, 1998) a Chinese tale of a rich man and a poor man and how they discover what true wealth is.

Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain Margaret Bateson Hill (Zero to ten, 1998) Lao Lao's paper cut outs make her famous and the Emperor imprisons her, until a dragon helps her escape.

The Lost Horse Ed Young (HB, 1998) Puppets come with this traditional tale about a man who knows good and bad fortune are not always what they seem to be.

Mouse Match Ed Young (HB, 1997) a concertina book retells the story of the mouse bride.

Japan:

Lady Kaguya's Secret Jirina Marton (Annick, 1997) an old couple find a baby in a bamboo grove. She grows to be a lady of the moon, and must look for a suitable husband.

The Crane Wife Odds Bodkin (HB, 1998) a man finds a mysterious and beautiful stranger at his door. He marries her, but his greed threatens their happiness.

Grass Sandals Dawnine Spivak (Atheneum, 1997) the story of the poet Basho and his inspiration for his haiku poems. Illustrated by Demi.

I Once Was a Monkey Jeanne M. Lee (FSG, 199) six stories Buddah told are gathered here in a beautiful storytelling frame

## Asia:

Crystal Heart (Vietnam) Aaron Shepard (Atheneum, 1998) a sheltered girl hears a song from her window, but falls ill when she doesn't hear it again.

The Donkey and the Rock (Tibet) Demi (HHT, 1999) an argument is taken to the king who suggests a contest between the hard-headed donkey and the hard rock to decide the argument.

The Rabbit's Tale (Korea) Suzanne Crowder Han (HHT, 1999) the trickster rabbit won't listen to advice when he goes on a journey to find an animal scarier than a tiger.

One Grain of Rice (India) Demi (Scholastic, 1997) a raja hoards rice during a famine, and a clever girl gets him to share through simple math.

Mr. Pak Buys a Story (Korea) Carol Farley (AW, 1997) a foolish man buys a horrible story, but magic helps it become valuable in the end.

The Brave Little Parrot (India) Rafe Martin (Putnam, 1998) a small but determined bird saves the forest from destruction when the other animals want to run away.

## Middle Eastern:

The Stone (Persia) Dianne Hofmeyr (FSG, 1998) a story of the Magi who receive a gift of a stone in return for their journey.

Hosni the Dreamer Ehud Ben-Ezer (FSG, 1998) a boy spends a gold coin on a piece of wisdom that ends up being extremely valuable.

The Rose's Smile David Kherdian (HHT, 1997) the Story of Farizad whose journey to find three treasures test her strength and courage.

## North American:

With a Whoop and a Holler Nancy Van Laan (Atheneum, 1998) a collection of Brer everyone stories.

The True Tale of Johnny Appleseed Margaret Hodges (HH, 1997) a great retelling of this hard to find story.

Aunt Nancy and Cousin Lazybones Phyllis Root (Candlewick, 1998) Another Aunt Nancy (Anancy) story like "Aunt Nancy and Old Man Trouble", this time she tricks her lazy relative into moving on his way.

Smoky Mountain Rose (Appalachian Cinderella) Alan Schroeder (Dial, 1997) all the Cinderella elements, plus a magic hog

## Island Cultures:

Island-Below-the -Star (Polynesia) James Runford (HM, 1998) Five brother set sail, the youngest as a stowaway, and each has a gift that brings them safely to

their destination.

Cendrillon (Cinderella) Robert D. SanSouci (SS, 1998) a washerwoman turns magic godmother to help Cendrillon win her man.

Bouki Dances the Kokioko (Haiti) Diane Wolkstein (HB, 1997) a trickster gets clumsy and foolish.

#### South America:

Three Golden Oranges Alma Flor Ada (Atheneum, 1999) three brothers work together to get their dream wives in spite of a sorceress' curse.

When Woman Became the Sea (Costa Rica) Susan Strauss (Beyond Words, 1998) a creation story that also describes the water cycle.

The Magic Bean Tree (Argentina) Nancy Van Laan (HM, 1998) a child saves his village from drought with a magic carob tree.

Musicians of the Sun (Aztec) Gerald McDermott (SS, 1997) the story of the sun and the creation of the rainbow.

The Moon Was at a Fiesta Matthew Gollub (Tortuga, 1998) a story explaining why the moon is sometimes still visible when the sun comes up.

Zorro and Quwi (Peru) Rebecca Hickox (Dell, 1997) a trickster guinea pig outwits Zorro the fox.

#### Australia:

Land of the Dingo People Percy Trezise (August Robertson, 1997) lost aborigine children follow the steps of their ancestors to find their way home.

Animal Dreaming Paul Morn (HB, 1998) a boy listens as the drawings of dream time are explained in this story.

#### Africa:

Zzzng! Zzzng! Zzzng! (Yoruba) Phyllis Gershator (Orchard, 1998) The mosquito didn't used to bite, it only buzzed, why the biting started is explained in this tale.

Ananse's Feast (Ashanti) Tololwa M. Mollel (Clarion, 1997) the trickster spider tries to trick a friend so he doesn't have to share his meal, but he gets tricked himself.

Anansi does the Impossible (Ashanti) Verna Aardema (Atheneum, 1997) Anansi and his wife team up to win the folktales back from the sky God.

The Hunterman and the Crocodile BabaWagne Diakite (Scholastic, 1997) no one will help a mean hunter who ends up in the river with Bamba, the crocodile, and his family.