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NEW TWISTS ON OLD TALES

PICTURE BOOKS

- JE
ADA Ada, Alma Flor. **Dear Peter Rabbit.**
 Presents letters between Goldilocks, Baby Bear, Peter Rabbit,
 and the Three Pigs.
- JE
ATW Atwood, Margaret. **Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut.**
 A very clever and alliterative fractured fairy tale.
- JE
BUE Buehner, Caralyn. **Fanny's Dream.**
 A sturdy young Wyoming lass named Fanny is sure she will
 marry the mayor's son, but when she goes to wait for her fairy
 godmother, a surprising person shows up.
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CAL Calmenson, Stephanie. **The Principal's New Clothes.**
 The principal of P.S. 88 is persuaded by tailors that they will
 make him a suit visible only to smart people.
- JE
COL Cole, Babette. **Princess Smartypants.**
 Princess Smartypants devises tasks at which her royal suitors
 fail, until Prince Swashbuckle appears.
- JE
DEF DeFelice, Cynthia. **Mule Eggs.**
 A "modern" fractured tale about a town man who wants to be a
 farmer and is conned by a greedy farmer, although he gets the
 farmer in the end. Good possibility for an oral storytelling.
- JE
EMB Emberley, Michael. **Ruby.**
 Ruby, a small and brave mouse, delivers goodies to her
 granny, while trying to avoid a nasty cat. This one has an
 unexpected savior.
- J398.2
EMB Emberley, Rebecca. **Three Cool Kids.**
 In the heart of a city an enormous rat tries to keep three goats
 from crossing the street.
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ERN Ernst, Lisa Campbell. **Little Red Riding Hood: A Newfangled
Prairie Tale.**
 An updated version, set on the prairie, of the little girl, her
 grandmother, and a not-so-clever wolf.

- JE French, Fiona. **Snow White in New York.**
FRE A Roaring Twenties version of the familiar fairy tale.
- J FIC Jackson, Ellen B. **Cinder Edna.**
JAC Cinderella and Cinder Edna both end up with the prince of her dreams, but one is happier than the other.
- J 398.2 Johnston, Tony. **Cinderrrrrella.**
JOH A mistreated step-child finds happiness and the “man” of her dreams in a forest full of Bigfoot characters.
- JE Kellogg, Steven. **The Three Little Pigs.**
KEL Serafina Sow starts a waffle business to help her offspring prepare for the future, including a surly wolf.
- JE Ketteman, Helen. **Bubba the Cowboy Prince.**
KET In Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher.
- JE Little, Jean and Maggie de Vries. **Once upon a Golden Apple.**
LIT An amusing introduction to fairy tale themes and formats, as a dad keeps getting his story “wrong”.
- J 398.2 Lowell, Susan. **Little Red Cowboy Hat.**
LOW In the Southwest, Little Red rides her pony to Grandma’s ranch with a jar of cactus jelly in the saddlebag.
- J 398.2 Lowell, Susan. **The Bootmaker and the Elves.**
LOW In the Old West, two elves help a poor bootmaker and his wife.
- JE McLenighan, Valjean. **You Can Go Jump.**
MAC-B An easy-to-read cartoon rendition of “The Frog Prince” which ends with a new twist.
- J 398.21 Minters, Frances. **Cinder-Elly.**
MIN In this rap, an overworked sister goes to a basketball game and meets a star player, Prince Charming.
- JE Palatini, Maggie. **Piggie Pie.**
PAL Howard Fine’s illustrations are especially delightful in this story of the witch Gritch, who decides to make the title dish.

- J 398.2
ROS Ross, Tony. **Mrs. Goat and her seven little kids.**
The wolf tries to outsmart the kids, and is foiled by the youngest. With Ross' irreverent illustrations.
- JE
SCI Scieszka, Jon. **The Frog Prince Continued.**
All fairy tale fans will enjoy this story of the prince who keeps trying to find the correct witch to turn him back into a frog.
- JE
SCI Scieszka, Jon. **The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales.**
Ridiculous retellings of fairy tales, whose sophisticated humour would probably be appreciated by parents and older siblings! To Scieszka and illustrator Lane smith, an ugly duckling just means it will be a really ugly duck!
- JE
SCI Scieszka, Jon. **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs.**
The true story, told from the wolf's point of view (he's really just misunderstood).
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STA Stanley, Diane. **Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter.**
Rumpelstiltskin's daughter can't spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a greedy monarch.
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TOL Tolhurst, Marilyn. **Somebody and the Three Blairs.**
A reversal of the classic story, when a young bear drops in to the Blairs' house while they are out.
- J 398.24
TRI Trivizas, Eugene. **The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig.**
An altered retelling of the traditional tale, with a surprise ending.
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TUR Turkle, Brinton. **Deep in the Forest.**
A wordless picture book about a bear that visits, reversing the three bears story.
- J 398.2
VAN Van Woerkom, Dorothy. **The Queen Who Couldn't Bake Gingerbread.**
The King realizes there are more important things to consider in selecting a wife.
- JE
WIL Williams, Jay. **School for Sillies.**
A wondering scholar outwits a King to win the hand of the Princess.

JE Yeoman, John and Quentin Blake. **The Wild Washerwomen.**
YEO A “new folk tale” about a group washerwomen who escape their cruel boss.

JE Yolen, Jane. **The Simple Prince.**
YOL A Prince learns that the “simple” life – isn’t.

Chapter Books

J FIC Ahlberg, Allan. **Ten in a Bed.**
AHL Nightly Dinah Price is stopped from going to bed by finding fairy tale characters already there. In order to get rid of them, she must tell them a bedtime story. Young juveniles up, in chapter book form.

J FIC Baehr, Patricia. **The Search for Happily Ever After.**
BAE Ketti goes through a wormhole to a land of fairy tale characters and helps Cinderella’s coachman-rat.

J FIC Brooke, William J. **Teller of Tales.**
BRO Old man “reports” on the state of the emperor’s undress, and when ordered to desist, moves to Fairy tales. Deals with the power of words and names. For Young Adults.

J FIC Brooke, William J. **A Telling of the Tales.**
BRO Updated versions of Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Paul Bunyan, John Henry, and Jack and the Beanstalk.

J FIC Levine, Gail Carson. **Ella Enchanted.**
LEV Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

J FIC Levine, Gail Carson. **The Fairy’s Mistake.**
LEV Ethelinda rewards a good sister and punishes another, but her punishment is better than her reward.

J FIC Levine, Gail Carson. **The Princess Test.**
LEV Lorelei must pass difficult tests to prove that she is a true princess and win the hand of Prince Nicholas.

- YA
McK McKinley, Robin. **Beauty: a Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast.**
This is not so much a fractured tale as a Young Adult novelization, told with verve and style.
- J FIC
NAP Napoli, Donna Jo. **The Magic Circle.**
A good-hearted woman is made a witch by evil spirits until her encounter with Hansel and Gretel.
- YA
NAP Napoli, Donna Jo. **Zel.**
Napoli turns her hands to a retelling of the story of Rapunzel.
- J 398.2
VAN Vande Velde, Vivian. **Tales from the Brothers Grimm and the Sisters Weird.**
Presents thirteen strange and twisted versions of familiar fairy tales.
- J FIC
WRE Wrede, Patricia. **The Enchanted Forest Chronicles.**
This collection of four novels is right for juveniles up, for anyone who appreciates a Princess with a mind of her own, and a set of quirky characters.
- YA
WRE Wrede, Patricia. **Book of Enchantments.**
This new collection of Young Adult tales includes 11 tales, including a wonderful recipe for “Quick After-Battle Triple Chocolate Cake” and a story resolving what to do with the “Frying Pan of Doom”.
- YA
YOL Yolen, Jane. **Briar Rose.**
A holocaust story, using the tale of Briar Rose, from the Fairy Tale series.