



# Royal Read-Alouds

Fairytales and Folktales worth Sharing

## A Select List of *Brown County Library* Children's Books

(Toddler – Grade 3)

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\* = humorous picks

### Toddler Reads

- [Cinderella](#) (board book) by Trixie Belle
- [The Little Red Hen](#) by Byron Barton
- [Snow White](#) (board book) by Trixie Bell
- [The Three Bears](#) by Byron Barton
- [Yummy](#) by Lucy Cousins

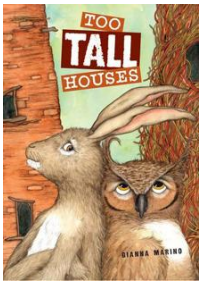
### Preschool-Kindergarten Picks

#### Fractured Fairytales/Original Tales

- [The End](#) by David LaRochele\*
- [Falling for Rapunzel/Waking Beauty](#) by Leah Wilcox\*
- [Gingerbread Baby](#) by Jan Brett
- [Goldilocks and Just One Bear](#) by Leah Hodgkinson\*
- [The Great Fairy Tale Disaster](#) by David Conway\*
- [I am So Handsome](#) by Mario Ramos\*
- [Interrupting Chicken](#) by David Ezra Stein\*

*Papa chicken attempts to read some bedtime stories to his exuberant daughter, but she is the interrupting type. Little Chicken knows the endings to all the fairytales and she doesn't care for them, so she likes to warn her favorite characters of the dangers ahead. Perfect for children who like to insert themselves into their favorite stories, and the patient storytellers who love them!*

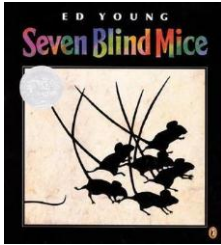
- [Ivan the Terrier](#) by Peter Catalanotto\*
- [King Arthur's Very Great Grandson](#) by Kenneth Kraegal
- [King Bidgood's in the Bathtub](#) by Audrey Wood\*
- [The Kiss that Missed](#) by David Melling\*



[Open this Little Book](#) by Jess Klassmeier

[Open Very Carefully: A Book with Bite](#) by Nick Bromley\*

*An ill-tempered alligator is trapped in the tale of The Ugly Duckling. The traditional tale fades to the background as the duckling (who is actually quite adorable) advises the audience on how to deal with the scaly nemesis. This entails rocking the book back and forth to lull the beast into slumber, and then drawing a ballerina ensemble on the snoring beast with pink crayon (the duckling can't resist). Children will delight in the abounding mischief of this interactive fable-gone-amok.*



[The Paper Bag Princess](#) by Robert Munsch

[Red Riding Hood and the Sweet Little Wolf](#) by Rachael Mortimer

[Senorita Gordita](#) by Helen Ketteman\*

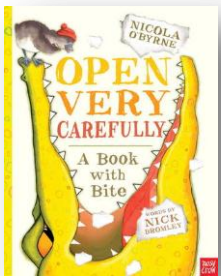
[The Sunflower Sword](#) by Mark Sperring

[The Three Pigs](#) by David Wiesner\*

[Tikki Tikki Tembo](#) by Arlene Mosel\*

[Too Tall Houses](#) by Gianna Marino

[Who Is It?: It's the Three Little Pigs!](#) by Helen Webster



## *Traditional Tales*

[Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti](#) by Gerald McDermott

[Beginning-to-Read](#) (series) by Margaret Hillert

[The Bremen Town Musicians](#) by Brian Wildsmith

[The Crocodile and the Scorpion](#) by Rebecca Emberly

[The Folk Tales Classics Treasury](#) by Paul Galdone

[The Frog with the Big Mouth](#) by Teresa Bateman

[Joseph had a Little Overcoat](#) by Simms Taback

[Little Red Riding Hood](#) by Bernette Ford

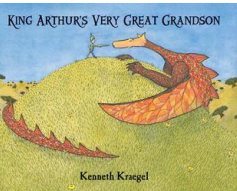
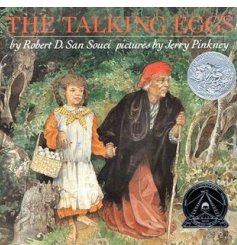
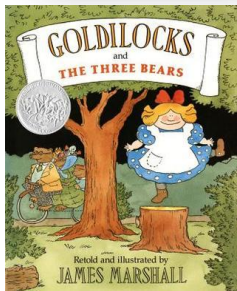
[The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale](#) by Jan Brett

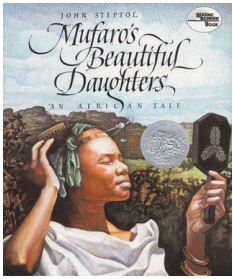
[Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile](#) by Won-Ldy Paye

[The Snow Child](#) by Harriet Ziefert

[Seven Blind Mice](#) by Ed Young

*A visually stunning and timeless fable, Ed Young's adaption of "Seven Blind Mice," despite the blindness of the central characters, is an eye-opening work. Hyper-pigmented hues combine with cut-paper collage to create a visual feast of texture, color, and contrast. Seven mice come across a mysterious object or creature, and six of them take a trek across a part of what they call "the Something." Each of the six rodents is sure that they know the identity of the curious thing, and each guess is wildly different, from a rope to a fan to a snake. The viewer only sees a part of the object at a time, giving them the opportunity to make educated guesses alongside the mice. Only the seventh mouse, the most intrepid of the group, has the inquisitiveness to explore the entire Something. The wisdom of knowing the whole story provides the seventh mouse with the true answer, which is confirmed*





*in the final illustration to be an elephant. This tale of curiosity and patience will be enjoyed by ages 3 and up.*

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone

## Selections for Grades 1-3

### *Fractured Fairytales/Original Tales*

Cinder Edna by Ellen Jackson

Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming

The Cloud Spinner by Michael Catchpool

Dangerously Ever After by Dashka Slater

Don't Read this Book! by Jill Lewis\*

The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr. Seuss\*

The Frog Prince, Continued... by Jon Scieszka

The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School by Laura Murray\*

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems\*

Heckedy Peg by Audrey Wood

Holler Loudly by Cynthia Leitich Smith\*

The King of Little Things by Bil Lepp

The King's Taster by Kenneth Oppel\*

Little Red Writing by Joan Holub\*

Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf/Tell the Truth B.B. Wolf by Judy Sierra\*

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse by Marilyn Singer

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe

*A Zimbabwean tale with echoes of Cinderella tells of two sisters, one vain and selfish, the other kind and generous, and a clever test to determine which will become queen. This timeless tale is supported by superb illustration, which at times appears photorealistic. Share this flawless tale with an elementary-aged audience.*

Mustache! by Mac Barnett\*

One Potato, Two Potato by Cynthia DeFelice\*

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude/Once Upon a Royal Superbaby by

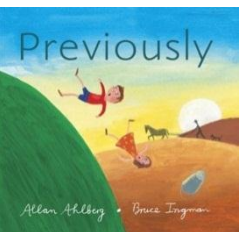
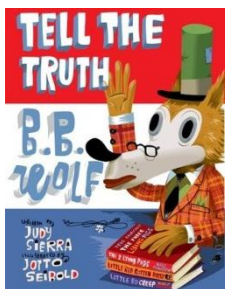
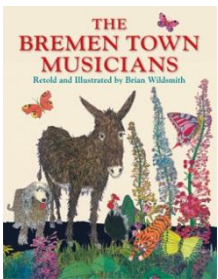
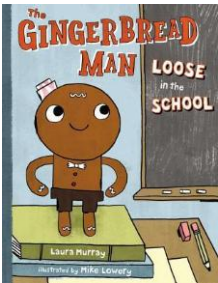
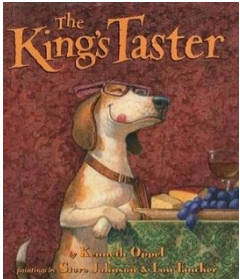
Kevin O'Malley \*

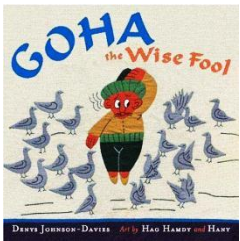
Previously by Allan Ahlberg\*

The Princess who could not Sleep by An Leysen

The Secret River by Marjorie Rawlings

Snoring Beauty by Bruce Hale\*





[The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales](#) by Jon Scieszka  
[Strega Nona](#) by Tomie DePaola\*

[The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig](#) by Eugenios Trivizas\*

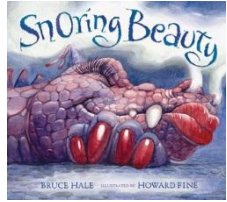
[The Three Ninja Pigs](#) by Corey Rosen Schwartz\*

[The True Story of the Three Little Pigs](#) by Jon Scieszka\*

[Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty: and other Notorious Nursery Tale](#)

[Mysteries](#) by David Levinthal\*

[Yours Truly, Goldilocks](#) by Alma Flor Ada\*



## *Traditional Tales*

[Beware, Beware of the Big Bad Bear!](#) by Dianne De Las Casas\*

[The Egyptian Cinderella](#) by Shirley Climo

[The Empty Pot](#) by Demi

Eric Kimmel's retellings of the [Anansi stories](#)\*

[Fat Cat: A Danish Folktale](#) by Margaret Read MacDonald

[Goha the Wise Fool](#) by Denys Johnson-Davies\*

[The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story](#) by Joseph Bruchac

[The Legend of the Lady Slipper: An Ojibwe Tale](#) by Lise Lunge-Larsen

[Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale](#) by Carmen Agra Deedy

*Martina, a beautiful cockroach living on a stately lamppost in Havana, has never lacked for suitors. But how will she know if they are what they seem? Martina's wise grandmother shares her never-fail method to find out a suitor's true character: the coffee bean test. Skeptical at first, Martina realizes that the strange test is exposing suitors both vain and selfish, but soon worries that she won't find the kind-hearted companion she desires. This jaunty and atmospheric tale is interspersed with Spanish words, and complemented by lively, sunset-hued illustrations.*

[Sausages](#) by Jessica Souhami\*

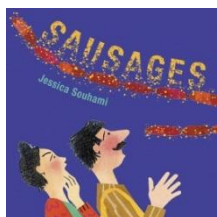
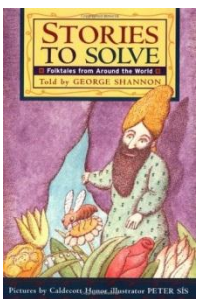
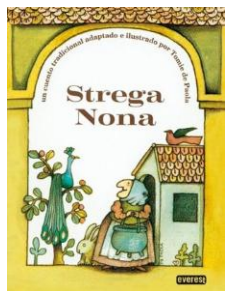
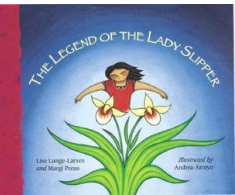
[Stories to Solve/More Stories to Solve/Still More Stories to Solve](#) by George Shannon

[The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South](#) by Robert San Souci

[Tops and Bottoms](#) by Janet Stevens\*

[The Twelve Dancing Princesses](#) by Brigette Barrager

[Who Took My Hairy Toe?](#) by Shutta Crum\*



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