TALL TALES: Traditional & Original Versions

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(Kindergarten – Early Elementary)

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Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale by Deborah Hopkinson
The Adventures of Granny Clearwater and Little Critter by Kimberly Willis Holt
Apples to Oregon: Being the (Slightly) True Narrative of how a Brave Pioneer Father Brought Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Grapes, and Cherries (and Children) across the Plains by Deborah Hopkinson

Aw, Nuts by Rob McClurkan
Desert Rose and her Highfutalin’ Hog by Alison Jackson
The Dinosaur Tamer by Carol Greathouse
Doña Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart by Pat Mora

Dust Devil by Anne Isaacs
Frank! by Connah Brecon
Harvey Potter’s Balloon Farm by Jerdine Nolen
Holler Loudly by Cynthia Leitich Smith
How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague
Jackrabbit McCabe and the Electric Telegraph by Lucy Rozier
Jangles: A Big Fish Story by David Shannon

The Man who Lived in a Hollow Tree by Anne Shelby
Meaniehead by Bruce Kaplan
Mustache Baby / Mustache Baby Meets his Match by Bridget Heos
Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox: the Great Pancake Adventure by Matt Luckhurst

Paul Bunyan’s Sweetheart by Marybeth Lorbiecki
Thunder Rose by Jerdine Nolen
Tumbleweed Baby by Anna Myers

Whoosh! by Sally Derby
Non-Fiction Books: Traditional Tales

American Folk Legends (series) by Picture Window Books
American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne
Animal Folktales of America by Tony Palazzo
Clever Beatrice: An Upper Peninsula Conte by Margaret Willey
Fin M’Coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill by Tomie DePaola
The Giant of Seville: A "Tall" Tale based on a True Story by Dan Andreasen
The Imagination Series. Tall Tales (series) by Compass Point Books
Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale by Steven Kellog
Lies and other Tall Tales by Christopher Myers
On My Own Folklore (series) by Stephen Krensky
Paul Bunyan by Eric Blair (beginning reader)
Paula Bunyan by Phyllis Root
The Story of Paul Bunyan by Barbara Emberley
Very Short Tall Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman
Write Your Own Tall Tale by Natalie Rosinsky

Chapter Books & Graphic Novels

Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwood: 20 Chilling Tales from the Wilderness by Hal Johnson
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman
The Ghosts of Luckless Gulch by Anne Isaacs
Graphic Spin (graphic novel series) by Stone Arch Books
Holes by Louis Sachar
Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of Growing up Scieszka (memoir) by Jon Scieszka
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by W.R. Philbrick
My Near-Death Adventures by Alison DeCamp
The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt

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