



FRACTURED FAIRY TALES

Princesses and Princes

Levine, Gail Carson. *The Princess Test*. **L6655p**
In this humorous retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea," Lorelei must pass many difficult tests in order to prove that she is a true princess and win the hand of Prince Nicholas.

M.M. Kaye. *The Ordinary Princess*.
K235 o.

At her christening a princess is given the gift of "ordinariness" by a fairy, and the consequences of that eventually take her to a nearby palace where, having run away to become a fourteenth assistant kitchen maid, she meets the prince for her.

Lee, Tanith.. *Princess Hynchatti and some other surprises*.
L4812p

Twelve original fairy tales about princes and princesses in which the wizards, fairy godmothers, dragons, and the like don't always have the expected effect.

Williams, Jay. *Petronella*. **W7238pe**
Determined not to be outdone by her brothers in seeking a fortune in the world, a young princess sets out to find a prince to rescue.

Van Woerkom, Dorothy. *The Queen Who Couldn't Bake Gingerbread*. **398.22 V285q**

The story of a king who is determined to marry a woman who can bake gingerbread, and a princess who wants to marry a man who can play a slide trombone.

Wrede, Patricia. *Dealing with Dragons: The Enchanted Forest Chronicles*. **W944d**

This collection of four novels is for anyone who appreciates a princess with a mind of her own and a set of quirky characters.

Wise, William. *Perfect Pancakes if you Please*. **W813p**
King Felix is so fond of pancakes that he issues a contest and offers his daughter, Princess Elizabeth, to anyone who can make him perfect pancakes.

Rapunzel

Donna Jo Napoli. *Zel*. **N216z.**
Based on the fairy tale Rapunzel, the story is told in alternating chapters from the point of view of Zel, her

mother, and the prince, and delves into the psychological motivations of the characters.

Roberts, Lynn (Lynn M.). *Rapunzel : a groovy fairy tale*.
398.21 R643r

In this updated version of the Grimm fairy tale, Rapunzel has flaming red hair and is kept imprisoned by her Aunt Esme, a heartless school cafeteria worker, in a tenement apartment with a broken elevator.

Sleeping Beauty

Jane Yolen. *Sleeping ugly*.
La-R H-M 1996 Gr. 3 Supp.

When beautiful Princess Miserella, Plain Jane, and a fairy fall under a sleeping spell, a prince undoes the spell in a surprising way.

Minters, Frances. *Sleepless Beauty*. **M667s**
In this updated, rhyming retelling of the traditional fairy tale, Beauty outwits the wicked witch and arranges for her own happy ending.

Cinderella

Buehner, Caralyn. *Fanny's dream*. **B928f**
Fanny Agnes is a sturdy farm girl who dreams of marrying a prince, but when her fairy godmother doesn't show up, she decides on a local farmer instead.

Levine, Gail Carson. *Ella Enchanted*. **L6655e**
Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Frances Minters. *Cinder-Elly*. **M667c**
In this rap version of the traditional fairy tale, the overworked younger sister gets to go to a basketball game and meets a star player, Prince Charming.

Ketteman, Helen. *Bubba the cowboy prince : a fractured Texas tale*. **K43b**
Loosely based on "Cinderella," this story is set in Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher.

Myers, Bernice. *Sidney Rella and the glass sneaker*. **La-R H-M 1996 Gr. 3 Supp.**
Sidney Rella becomes a football player with a little help from his fairy godfather.

Hughes, Shirley. *Ella's Big Chance: A Jazz-Age Cinderella*. 398.21 H894e

Ella, a clothing designer, dreams of wearing the fashions she creates for others. After, a famous ball, her life changes forever – but she forgoes the conventional.

Schroder, Alan. *Smoky Mountain Rose: An Appalachian Cinderella*. 398.21 S381m

Rose o' Taberly Creek done had enuff' of her sidewindin' step sisters. When the richest feller 'cross town throws a shindig, Rose surprises everybody by showin' up.

Little Red Riding Hood

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Little Red Riding Hood : a newfangled prairie tale*. 398.21 E71 I

An updated version, set on the prairie, of the familiar story about a little girl, her grandmother, and a not-so-clever wolf.

Susan Lowell. *Little Red Cowboy Hat*. 398.21 L917 I

A Southwestern version of "Little Red Riding Hood" in which Little Red rides her pony Buck to Grandma's ranch with a jar of cactus jelly in the saddlebag.

Artell, Mike. *Petite Rouge : a Cajun Red Riding Hood*.

398.22 A786p

In this Cajun version of "Little Red Riding Hood," the big bad gator is no match for a sharp young duck and her quick-thinking cat.

Sweet, Melissa. *Carmine : a Little More Red*. S9745c

While a little girl who loves red-and loves to dilly-dally-stops to paint a picture on the way to visit her grandmother, her dog Rufus meets a wolf and leads him directly to Granny's house. An alphabet version of "Little Red Riding Hood."

Three Pigs

Trivizas, Eugenios. *The three little wolves and the big bad pig*. T8415t

An altered retelling of the traditional tale about the conflict between pig and wolf-with a surprise ending.

Wiesner, David. *The three pigs*. W6514tp

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

Scieszka, Jon. *The true story of the 3 little pigs*. S416t

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

Trivizas, Eugene. *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*. T8415t

An altered retelling with a surprise ending.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Marilyn Tolhurst. *Somebody and the three Blairs*. T649s

In a reversal of the Goldilocks story, a bear explores the home of the three Blairs while they are out.

Guarnaccia, Steven. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears: A Tale Moderne*.

398.22 G916g

When Goldilocks finds a home full of contemporary furniture and freshly-made chili, she comes face to face with a very updated bear family.

Stanley, Diane. *Goldie and the Three Bears*. 398.22

S787g

Goldie can't find anyone her age to play with; they are all either, too snobby, too rough, or too boring. That is, until she happens upon the bears' house.

Brinton Turkle. *Deep in the forest*. T939d

A curious bear explores a cabin in the forest with disastrous results.

Frog Prince

Gwynne, Fred. *Pondlarker*. G995p

Not satisfied being a frog, Pondlarker seeks a princess' kiss to fulfill his princely ambitions.

Mann, Pamela. *The Frog Princess?* M282f

A lonely frog is misunderstood by many animals until one day a handsome prince understands why she croaks "Reddit! Reddit!"

Scieszka, Jon. *The Frog Prince Continued*. S416f

After the frog turns into a prince, he and the princess do not live happily ever after and the prince decides to look for a witch to help him remedy the situation.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Rebecca Emberley. *Three cool kids*. E5258t

This retelling of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" is set in the heart of a city where an enormous rat tries to keep three goats from crossing the street.

Hassett, John. *The three silly girls Grubb*. H356t

In this revision of the familiar tale, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," three sisters manage to outwit Ugly-Boy Bobby who spends his time under the bridge they must cross on their way to school.

Others

Ahlberg, Janet. *Each peach pear plum : an "I spy" story.* A285e

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

Pomerantz, Charlotte. *Whiff, Sniff, Nibble, and Chew: The Gingerbread Boy Retold.* 398.21 P785w
A retelling in rhyme of the adventures of the Gingerbread Boy.

Yeoman, John and Quentin Blake. *The Wild Washerwomen.* Y465w

A "new folk tale" about a group of washerwomen who escape their cruel boss.

Cole, Brock. *Buttons.* C687b

When their father eats so much that he pops the buttons off his britches, each of his three daughters tries a different plan to find replacements.

Sid Fleischman . *McBroom and the beanstalk.* F596mb
McBroom gets ready to tell his many preposterous stories in the World Champion Liar's contest only to be disqualified for telling the truth

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Kate and the beanstalk.* 398.21 O81k

In this version of the classic tale, a girl climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where she uses her quick wits to outsmart a giant and make her and her mother's fortune.

Susan Lowell. *The Bootmaker and the Elves.* L917b
A retelling, set in the Old West, of the traditional story about two elves who help a poor shoemaker, or in this case a bootmaker, and his wife.

Scieszka, Jon. *The Book that Jack Wrote.* 811.54 S416b
A madcap variation of the cumulative nursery rhyme, this time beginning when Jack writes a book.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *The Magic Circle.* N216m
After learning sorcery to become a healer, a good-hearted woman is turned into a witch. She fights their power until her encounter with Hansel and Gretel years later.

Collections

Ahlberg, Allan. *Ten in a Bed.* A2853t
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.

Brooke, William J. *Teller of tales.* B8722t
The Emperor's clothes are news ~ Rumpelstiltskin by any other name ~ Gold in Locks ~ Little Well-Read Riding Hood ~ Teller's tale ~ Tale of tellers.

Scieszka, Jon. *Stinky Cheese Man and other fairly stupid tales.* S416s
Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.

Galloway, Priscilla. *Truly Grim Tales.* F174t
A guilt-ridden prince with a foot fetish seeking his dance partner and a beauty contest winner as Snow White's murderous stepmother are featured in two of the original "grim" plots in this young adult collection.

