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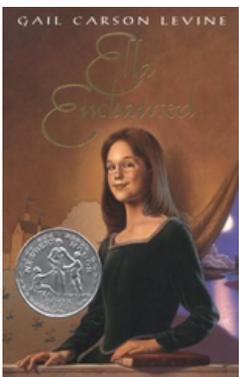


Fairy tales are some of the oldest stories we have, but they never go out of style. For centuries they were passed down through the oral tradition, then the Brothers Grimm compiled them, then Disney popularized them, and now there are countless variations of fairy tales, told and retold, in movies, TV, picture books, and even JUVENILE FICTION.

All books featured in this newsletter can be found at the McCracken County Public Library!

Mr. Matt Recommends Ella Enchanted

by Gail Carson Levine



Ella Enchanted turns 25 this year, and it has been beloved ever since it was first published in 1997. In 1998 the book was awarded the Newbery Medal (as well as many other awards); it has been turned into a major Hollywood film, starring Anne Hathaway; and it is number 85 on School Library Journal's 100 Best Children's Novels list. The book tells the story of Ella, who, at her birth receives a foolish fairy gift...obedience.

Ella must obey any order, whether it's to hop on one foot for a day and a half, or to chop off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not accept her fate. Amid princes, ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, and fairy godmothers, Ella goes on a quest to break the curse forever.

And If That Wasn't Enough...



Gail Carson Levine wrote a prequel to Ella Enchanted called Ogre Enchanted, and it stars the same meddling fairy, Lucinda.

Evie only has one thing on her mind, and that's healing the sick. She isn't expecting her friend Wormy to propose to her, and of course she turns him down. That upsets the fairy, Lucinda, who turns Evie into an ogre and gives her 62 days to accept another proposal or remain an ogre forever.

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BIG WORD ANTHOLOGY

An ANTHOLOGY is a collection of literary works, art works, or musical compositions published in one place, usually a big book. You can have an anthology of poems. Or an anthology of art French painters. Or an anthology of ghost stories. Or an anthology of patriotic music. As you can see below, the library has lots of fairy tale anthologies.

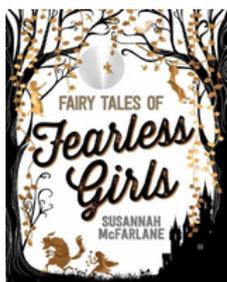
FAIRY TALE ANTHOLOGIES

Grimms' Fairy Tales : the Illustrated Just-For-Kids Edition by The Brothers Grimm



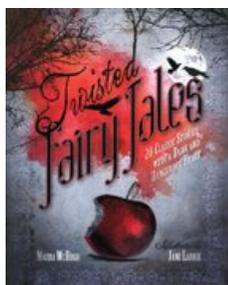
Of course, the grandfather of all fairy tale anthologies are the collections from the Brothers Grimm. Here are twenty-five of the Grimm brothers' famous tales, edited and illustrated for children. If you want the non-edited version, you'll have to check it out from the adult section; that's how disturbing some of the original stories can be.

Fairy Tales of Fearless Girls by Susannah McFarlane



In this treasury of modern fairy tales, the heroines make their own way to happily ever after, and there isn't a damsel in distress in sight! Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, and Thumbelina don't let fear or self-doubt hold them back.

Twisted Tales by Susannah McFarlane



Well-known tales get gruesome revisions--in many cases bringing them closer to the dark, sinister ways they were told eons ago. Several tales in this book are based on chilling versions collected by the Brothers Grimm in the nineteenth century.

NAMES FOR CINDERELLA



There are many universal themes in literature...that is, there are plots in stories that keep popping up, no matter when in history or where in the world you look. For instance, every culture has stories about ghosts. Every culture has stories about heroes that have to fight monsters. And every culture has stories about kids who have to learn hard lessons in order to grow up. The story of Cinderella is one of those universal themes. Countries around the world have stories about a young girl with mean parents, who, with a little magical help, is able to find happiness. Here's a list of Cinderella's names from around the world.

- Yeh-Shen (China)
- Adelita (Mexico)
- Vasalisa (Russia)
- Mufaro (Zimbabwe)
- Cendrillon (Caribbean)
- Tatterhood (Norway)
- Naya (Inuit)
- Rashin Coatie (Scotland)
- Chinye (Kenya)
- Settareh (Iran)

Do you want to read some of these stories? Check out www.365Cinderellas.com for a whole bunch of free reads.

MORE CINDERELLA

Cold Hearted: The Tale of the Wicked Stepmother by Serena Valentino



How did the wicked stepmother in Cinderella become so....wicked? Before that fateful ball, before the glass slipper and the prince, there was another story--a story of love, of hope and of dreams dashed.

Delphine and the Silver Needle by Alyssa Moon



When sixteen-year-old Delphine, a dressmaker mouse in Cinderella's chateau, learns of her connection to the Threaded, magical tailor mice of legend, she undertakes an epic quest to claim her identity.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

What exactly is a fairy tale? And how's it different than a nursery rhyme, fable, legend, or myth?



A **FAIRY TALE** is a short story written for children that involves elements of magic or imaginary beings as well as human characters. Often the stories begin with "Once upon a time..."

A **NURSERY RHYME** is a very short poem, verse or song written for very young children.



A **FABLE** is a very short story written to teach a moral lesson. There are no humans in fables. Characters are often talking animals or objects.

A **LEGEND** is a traditional story about a particular person or place, believed to be somewhat historical, but often containing supernatural elements or exaggerated accomplishments, like King Arthur or Johnny Appleseed.



A **MYTH** is a traditional story about the early history of people or about how things came to be. They often contain supernatural elements and are associated with early religions.

FACTS ABOUT THE BROTHERS GRIMM



There's probably no name more associated with fairy tales than the Brothers Grimm. In the early 1800s, the German Brothers, Jacob and Wilhelm, started collecting folk tales from friends and acquaintances. They published their first collection of tales in 1812.

1. The first collection wasn't very kid friendly.

Though we associate fairy tales with children, the first collection by Brothers Grimm contained a lot of naughty and violent bits that were definitely PG-13 (if not rated R). The original Cinderella and Rapunzel stories have some downright nasty scenes. The Grimm's book was so popular among families and kids, however, that the brothers decided to "clean up" some of the stories for later editions.

2. The collection went through seven editions.

The first edition contained 86 tales. Over the years, the brothers kept collecting, adding, and revising stories. When the last edition was published in 1857, it contained 210 stories.

3. Most of the stories end happily.

Though many of the stories have very dark moments, most of the 210 stories end with the words "happily ever after."

4. The brothers worked on a dictionary.

Besides fairy tales, the pair published books on mythology and medieval studies. They also worked on a German dictionary but only got to the letter "F" before they both died. The dictionary was completed 120 years later.

5. They came from a family of 9 kids.

Of those 9, only 1 was a girl. Of those 9, only 3 made it past the age of 2.

6. Their book is very popular and influential.

There are some scholars who believe that Grimm's Fairy Tales are only outsold by the Bible and Shakespeare. In this case, coming in third is pretty awesome!

YOU WRITE IT

What if they weren't dwarves?

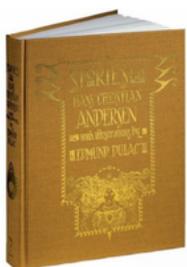
Snow White was now all alone in the great forest, and she did not know what to do. The trees seemed to whisper to each other. Snow White began to run. She ran over sharp stones and through thorns. She ran as far as her feet could carry her, and just as evening was about to fall she saw a little house and went inside in order to rest.

Snow White was just about to lay down for a nap when the door of the house suddenly opened, and in walked seven...**WHAT? What walked in the house? What happened next?**



HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

Besides the Brothers Grimm, perhaps no name is associated more with fairy tales than Hans Christian Andersen. Born in 1805 in Denmark, Andersen became a prolific writer, responsible for scores of novels, plays, poems, and essays. But he is best known for his fairy tales. In the course of his life, Andersen wrote 156 fairy tales, and some are the most famous of all time. They include The Little Mermaid, The Ugly Duckling, The Emperor's New Clothes, the Little Matchgirl, and Thumbelina.



Stories from Hans Christian Andersen

An anthology of some of Andersen's more beloved tales, including beautiful full color illustrations.

FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS

E E Y O O C I R N H F B R X C F B A U M
 S L T R X C A D Z R F I U V M Z Q W A U
 M F D H B P C A O W R G M D Q H G Q O I
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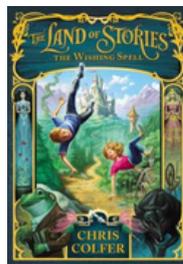
Aladdin
 Big Bad Wolf
 Cinderella
 Frog Prince
 Goldilocks

Gretel
 Hansel
 Jack
 Little Red Riding Hood
 Pied Piper

Rapunzel
 Rumpelstiltskin
 Sleeping Beauty
 Snow White
 Thumbelina

Start a New Series

All of these series are based around fairy tales.



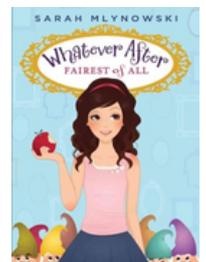
Land of Stories by Chris Colfer

Two kids find themselves transported to a fantasy land through a magical book.



Royal Academy Rebels by Jen Calonita

The Royal Academy is home to training for future fairy tale leaders...and also some rebels.



Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski

A brother and sister get swept into fairy tales through a magic mirror.