

## Anansi And The Magic Stick

Omar wants a snake more than anything, but his mom is unenthusiastic to say the least. However, the family strikes a compromise: Omar can get a corn snake; but it must stay inside his room, where his mom will not have to set eyes on it. So when Arrow escapes, Omar has to keep it a secret. But with an inquisitive little sister and parents mindful of odd behavior, it's not easy.

Anansi and his wife outsmart the Sky God and win back the beloved folktales of their people.

The girl in this book grows chocolate rabbits, tomatoes as big as beach balls, flowers that change color, and seashells in her garden. How does your garden grow?

This is the diary...of a fly. A fly who, when she's not landing on your head or swimming in your soup, is trying to escape her 327 brothers and sisters who are driving her crazy! Even though she's little -- just like her best friends Worm and Spider -- Fly wants to be a superhero. And why not? She walks on walls, sees in all directions at once, and can already fly! Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss, the team behind the New York Times bestsellers *Diary of a Worm* and *Diary of a Spider*, reach hilarious heights with their story of a little fly who's not afraid to dream big. Really big.

A classic Hanukkah tale, now available in a beautiful anniversary edition. A Caldecott Honor book. On the first night of Hanukkah, a weary traveler named Hershel of Ostropol eagerly approaches a village, where plenty of latkes and merriment should warm him. But when he arrives not a single candle is lit. A band of frightful goblins has taken over the synagogue, and the villagers cannot celebrate at all! Hershel vows to help them. Using his wits, the clever trickster faces down one goblin after the next, night after night. But can one man alone save Hanukkah and live to tell the tale? An original adventure featuring a traditional Jewish folk hero, this clever story has been a family favorite for decades and was named a Caldecott Honor book when it was originally published. Trina Schart Hyman's leering goblins are equal parts terrifying and ridiculous as they match wits with Hershel, trying to keep him from lighting the menorah and celebrating Hanukkah. This beautiful 25th Anniversary Edition includes an insightful afterword from the author and publisher explaining the book's origins, and remembering Trina Schart Hyman, the illustrator who brought the tale to life. This classic picture book is a perfect Hanukkah gift and a wonderful read-aloud. For more tales of this clever folk hero, read *The Adventures of Hershel of Ostropol*— another collaboration between master storyteller Eric A. Kimmel and Trina Schart Hyman. Caldecott Honor Book ALA Notable Children's Book NCTE Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts Colorado Children's Book Award Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award

While in Machu Picchu, Peru, with their parents, eight-year-old twins Ethan and

Ella cross a secret bridge and discover a mysterious stone sculpture.

A variety of animals try to help a hare get rid of the mysterious intruder who has taken over her house.

'ANANSI & THE MAGIC DRUM' is the third book in the Tales from Ashanti Series and tells a tale about how greed, jealousy, and ambitious drive to be number one led to Anansi's humiliation in the community. Why has Anansi returned to hide in the ceiling of his room again, vowing never to come down again?

"The sky is failing! The sky is failing!" Chicken Little and her feathered friends are all aflutter when she gets a mysterious bump on the head. Steven Kellogg's hilarious retelling and irresistible illustrations bring fresh delight to this timeless classic of chain reaction panic.

Read Along or Enhanced eBook: In this trickster tale from Africa, Anansi proves to Elephant and Killer Whale that in a battle of wits, brains definitely outdo brawn.

The magic trickster, Anansi the spider, is back! As usual, Anansi would rather loaf than work, so he steals Hyena's magic stick to do all of his chores. Then the trickster falls asleep, and when he wakes up, he can't remember the magic words that will stop the stick. Fortunately, Hyena saves the day, but once again Anansi doesn't learn his lesson and the story ends as he is planning new tricks, which is just what Anansi does best. This fable, like Kimmel and Stevens' other Anansi stories, offers elements both traditional and surprising, and is full of the energy and slapstick fun that make their tales so enjoyable.

Caldecott Honor winning artist Rachel Isadora brings another fabulous fairy tale to brilliant life with her stunning collages. The Brothers Grimm story of the kind fisherman who catches an enchanted fish, and his greedy wife who always wants more, is perfect for these "give-me" times. Rachel Isadora's captivating collage-style artwork, featuring the African landscape and the increasingly turbulent ocean, provides a wonderful new backdrop for this classic story.

Bubba Brayna's legendary latkes lure an unexpected visitor into her home in this playful Hanukkah tale from a master storyteller. Bubba Brayna makes the best latkes in the village, and on the first night of Hanukkah, the scent of her cooking wakes a hungry, adorable bear from his hibernation. He lumbers into town to investigate, and Bubba Brayna—who does not see or hear very well—mistakes him for her rabbi. She welcomes the bear inside to play the dreidel game, light the menorah, and enjoy a scrumptious meal. However, after her well-fed guest leaves, there's a knock at the door—it's the rabbi, and all of Brayna's other friends, arriving for dinner. But there are no latkes left—and together, they finally figure out who really ate them. Lively illustrations by Mike Wohnoutka, portraying the sprightly Bubba Brayna and her very hungry guest, accompany this instant family favorite, a humorous reworking of Eric A. Kimmel's earlier classic tale, *The Chanukkah Guest*. A traditional recipe for latkes is included in the back matter, along with interesting, digestible facts about the history and traditions of Hanukkah. A 2013 National Jewish Book Award Winner, this book is perfect for a holiday story time with children— either in the classroom or at home, as an introduction for young readers to the traditions and customs of Hanukkah, and as a classic to return to year after year.

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When the clever spider Ananse outwits Akye the turtle by inviting him to a feast he

cannot touch, Akye plans a tasty revenge. This clever retelling of an Ashanti tale is brought to life by lavish, comic illustrations.

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After Anansi the spider tricks Turtle in order to keep his dinner for himself, Turtle turns the tables on Anansi.

Anansi the Spider's plan to trick his friend Turtle into doing all the work while he teaches Anansi to catch fish somehow gets turned around. While Anansi doesn't learn his lesson, he does learn the invaluable skill of weaving.

Rabbit has a problem--someone is inside her house and won't let her in.

Read Along or Enhanced eBook: In this story from West Africa, Anansi the spider uses his wits, his trickster skills, and the help of his friends to bring light to the world.

Read Along or Enhanced eBook: Did you ever wonder why spiders have no hair?

After reading this African trickster tale, you will know. When Anansi goes to help his grandmother, he can't resist her steaming, hot pot of beans. Co-authors Bobby and Sherry Norfolk take a wonderful new look at a classic African story.

A sumptuous rendering of the classic fairy tale adds whimsical and magical elements to lush Renaissance-inspired spreads featuring a clever feline who tricks a king and sorcerer to secure a princess's hand for his penniless master. By the Caldecott Medal-winning author of *Three Little Kittens*.

2013 Caldecott Honor Book. From New York Times bestselling author Toni Buzzeo and Caldecott Medal winning illustrator David Small, comes a cool tale about an unlikely friendship. On a spontaneous visit to the aquarium, straight-laced and proper Elliot discovers his dream pet: a penguin. When he asks his father if he may have one (please and thank you), his father says yes. Elliot should have realized that Dad was probably thinking of a toy penguin, not a real one... Clever illustrations and a wild surprise ending make this sly, silly tale a kid-pleaser from start to finish.

This definitive collection of 14 stories, facts, and lore about monkeys from Africa, Asia, and the Americas will answer all of the monkey questions kids never knew they had. Full color.

Anansi And The Box Of Stories

Collection of traditional folk tales introduces a host of interesting people and unusual animals — among them "The Cricket and the Toad," "The Tortoise and His Broken Shell," and "The Boy in the Drum."

After tricking Tiger into leaving the soup he has been cooking, Anansi the spider eats the soup himself and manages to put the blame on the monkeys.

Grandpa tells his two young houseguests a story about his own childhood when he was scared at bedtime.

Having been given a magic gourd by a Chameleon for rescuing him from a thorny bush, hungry Rabbit appreciates the gesture of the never-ending bounty of food, but when a greedy king steals it away, Rabbit finds a way to get it back and teach him an important lesson in the process.

A temple cat in ancient Egypt grows tired of being worshipped and cared for in a reverent fashion and travels to the seaside, where she finds genuine affection with a fisherman and his

children.

"The expressive male narrator charms the listener by impersonating the characters...Short segments of music and brief sound effects add interest...useful for all reading and listening situations." - Booklist

In this story, Anansi is counting his yam hills. He counts to seven, and he flies up into the air. He says that it will be a good trick to play on his friends, so he messes up counting his yam hills and gets his friends to correct him. They say "Silly Spider, you don't know how to count." Then they count for him, and when they say seven, they fly up into the air.

"Terheyden's narration makes the characters come alive. A truly delightful addition to any collection." - School Library Journal

Meet Maxine, an inspiring young maker who knows that with enough effort and imagination (and mistakes), it's possible to invent anything. Maxine loves making new things from old things. She loves tinkering until she has solved a problem. She also loves her pet goldfish, Milton. So when it's time for her school's pet parade, she's determined to create something that will allow Milton to march with the other animals. Finally, after trying, trying, and trying again, she discovers just the right combination of recycled odds and ends to create a fun, functional--and absolutely fabulous--solution to her predicament.

Anansi the Spiderman or rather spider and man originated with the Ashanti people of present day Ghana. Anansi's father, the Sky God Nyame, got so tired of his son's pranks that he turned him into a spider. The stories of Anansi were brought to the Caribbean by slaves, some of whom kept up the oral tradition of their people by recounting some event in the life of their village. The stories also included some folklore such as the life and times of Anansi, the trickster. Accordingly Anansi is described as a creature who was always trying to best anyone with whom he came in contact. The general idea for him was that although small he could outsmart creatures much bigger than himself. This is actually a lesson for us that we should depend on brain power rather than the physical. Anansi took pride in this and sometimes came out on top but sometime things went badly for him. When he was victorious he was "The Man" but during the bad times he became the spider and retreated to his web to hide and wait for more opportunities to outsmart his friends. My granddaughter, Mikailah, is so enamored with Anansi, "The Man" that she only wants to hear stories in which he is victorious in tricking other creatures. She calls him "Nancy". Her favorite story is about Anansi and Brer Tiger in which Anansi was "sick" and got Brer Tiger to take him to the doctor...

Anansi The Trickster Spider - Volumes One and Two(16 short stories)The stories featured in this book introduce Anansi the Spider, a traditional African trickster character. Anansi is as clever as he is lazy and he loves to prove just how smart he is by tricking the people of the village and the animals of the jungle. Luckily Anansi is not always as clever as he likes to think he is. Sometimes everything backfires on him and he becomes the victim of his own tricks. This book contains 16 short stories that were originally published as two eBook volumes, available to download from Amazon. These stories are: \* Anansi and the gum doll\* How Anansi got to ride Tiger\* How Anansi turned an ear of corn into one hundred goats\* How Anansi won the stories of the Sky God\* Why spiders stays on the ceiling\* Anansi and the witch named 'Five'\* Anansi and the pot of wisdom\* Anansi and the Tommy (Thompson Gazelle)\* How Anansi missed four parties on one night\* Anansi invites Turtle to tea\* Anansi, Fly and Ant win the sun\* Anansi and the talking melon\* Anansi and the moss covered rock\* Why Anansi has thin, long legs\* Anansi and the field of corn\* Anansi and the tug of warFor FREE Anansi themed activities and downloads visit [www.anansi-spider.com](http://www.anansi-spider.com).Reviews for Anansi The Trickster Spider - volume one eBookAmazon.co.uk - 6th January 2013 "It was a pleasure to read these tales again. I had read them all them before throughout my childhood and they were funny then, so reading through them again it brought it all back... the sweet memories. Its honour for both kids and adults, great read."4 out of 5 starsGood Reads - 13th June 2013 "A

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very nice collection. Good use of storytelling and language. The stories are varied and present different aspects of Anansi. Well done!"4 out of 5 starsAmazon.co.uk - 20th March 2014

"Anansi stories are well known in the Caribbean and orators like Louise Bennett really brings them to life in the Jamaican dialect. This selection of stories are written in the "English" words and would make an excellent reading book to parents and children of all ages! The stories are not too long, but there is always a moral."5 out of 5 stars

"Anansi the Spider, a master trickster, uses the powers of a magical rock to dupe his neighbors...a musical introduction sets the mood...the text of the book is read clearly and expressively."-Booklist

"....Jerry Terheyden's narration alternates between the slow pace of a turtle and the bounce of an exuberant spider.... Balloons filling with air and underwater bubbles are among the fitting sound effects." -AudioFile Magazine

"A comical takeoff on the familiar Little Red Hen story, this upbeat read-along is brought vividly to life through Brian and Rosi Amador's tandem narration. ...Soft Latin background music is a lilting accompaniment." -Booklist

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