

Tall Tales



Kellogg, Steven. Paul Bunyan : a tall tale. New York : W. Morrow, c1984.

Summary: Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures.

Reading Level: 5.7

Call Number 398.2 KEL

Kellogg, Steven. Pecos Bill : a tall tale. New York : Morrow, c1986.

Summary: Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill, from his childhood among the coyotes to his unusual wedding day.

Reading Level: 5.7

Call Number 398.2 KEL

McCormick, Dell J. Tall timber tales : more Paul Bunyan stories. Caldwell, Idaho : Caxton, 1992, c1939.

Summary: The stories of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox told from the woods of Maine to the timberlands of Washington including Paul's dredging of Puget Sound, straightening out Powder River, and logging off the Dakotas.

Call Number 398.2 MCC

Myers, Christopher. Lies and other tall tales. New York : HarperCollins, 2005.

Summary: A compilation of tall tales collected by folklorist Zora Neale Hurston during her travels in the Gulf states during the 1930s.

Reading Level: 3.9

Call Number 398.2 MYE

Wiley, Margaret. Clever Beatrice : an Upper Peninsula conte. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2001.

Summary: A small, but clever young girl outwits a rich giant and wins all his gold.

Reading Level: 3.8

Call Number 398.2 WIL

Creating a tall tale. Wynnewood, PA : Schlessinger Media, [2006]

Summary: Weaves together the elements of a tall tale so that students see firsthand how a new tall tale based on a familiar character unfolds and evolves.

Call Number DVD 398.2 CRE

Burton, LeVar. Paul Bunyan : a tall tale. Lincoln, NE : GPN Educational Media, 2004.

Summary: Feature story recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures. Discusses legendary figures in tall tales, fire fighters, and loggers, and reviews three books.

Call Number DVD 398.2 PAU

Doucet, Sharon Arms. Alligator Sue. New York : Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.
Summary: After being separated from her parents by a hurricane on the bayou, a young girl is raised by an alligator and later must discover who she really is.

Reading Level: 5.1

Call Number E DOU

Isaacs, Anne. Swamp Angel. New York : Dutton Children's Books, 1994.

Summary: Along with other amazing feats, Angelica Longrider wrestles a huge bear to save the winter supplies of the settlers in Tennessee.

Reading Level: 5.0

Call Number E ISA

Ketteman, Helen. Heat wave!. New York : Walker & Co., 2000.

Summary: A terrible heat wave descends upon a farm, turning the corn to popcorn and almost cooking the cows, but the girl of the family saves the day.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number E KET

McKissack, Pat, A million fish-- more or less. New York : Knopf, 1996, c1992.

Summary: During an outing on the mysterious Bayou Clapateaux, Hugh Thomas catches a million fish.

Reading Level: 4.0

Call Number E MCK

Mora, Pat. Dona Flor : a tall tale about a giant woman with a great big heart. New York : Knopf : 2005.

Summary: Dona Flor, a giant lady with a big heart, sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal, but soon discovers the tiny secret behind the huge noise.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number E MOR

Nolen, Jerdine. Harvey Potter's balloon farm. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1994.

Summary: A child ventures out in the middle of the night to see how Harvey Potter grows his wonderful balloons.

Reading Level: 3.8

Call Number E NOL

Nolen, Jerdine. Big Jabe. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, c2000.

Summary: Momma Mary tells stories about a special young man who does wondrous things, especially for the slaves on the Plenty Plantation.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number E NOL

Schnetzler, Pattie L., Widdermaker. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, c2002.

Summary: The efforts of Cowpoke Pete and his pony, Desert Rose, to tame Widdermaker, the meanest, low-downest bull the West has ever seen, have unexpected and very pleasant results.

Reading Level: 3.9

Call Number E SCH

Timberlake, Amy. The dirty cowboy. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2003.

Summary: Telling his faithful dog to make sure nobody touches his clothes but him, a cowboy jumps into a New Mexico river for a bath, not realizing just how much the scrubbing will change his scent.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number E TIM

White, Linda Arms. Comes a wind. New York : DK Pub., 2000.

Summary: While visiting their mother's ranch, two brothers who constantly try to best each other swap tall tales about big winds and are surprised by the fiercest wind they have ever seen.

Reading Level: 4.1

Call Number E WHI

Williams, Suzanne. Library Li. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 1996.

Summary: A formidable librarian makes readers not only out of the once resistant residents of her small town, but out of a tough-talking, television-watching motorcycle gang as well.

Reading Level: 4.0

Call Number E WIL

Wood, Audrey. The Bunyans. New York : Blue Sky Press/Scholastic, c1996.

Summary: Paul Bunyan, his wife, and their children do some ordinary things which result in the formation of Niagara Falls, Bryce Canyon, and other natural monuments.

Reading Level: 5.1

Call Number E WOO

Fleischman, Sid, Here comes McBroom! : three more tall tales. New York : Beech Tree, 1998.

Summary: A collection of three previously published stories about the farmer who'd rather sit on a porcupine than tell a lie.

Reading Level: 2.8

Call Number F FLE

Fleischman, Sid, McBroom tells a lie. New York : Price Stern Sloan, c1999.

Summary: A farmer and his family save their amazing one-acre farm by using a Popcornmobile, frozen sunlight, and lightning bugs.

Reading Level: 3.9

Call Number F FLE

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