Fables

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<td>Recounts the race between the boastful hare and the persevering tortoise.</td>
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<td>As his plans are spoiled over and over again, the wolf keeps trying to find his dinner, in this retelling of five well-known stories and fables.</td>
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A retelling of the fable in which a young boy's false cries for help cause him problems when he is really in need of assistance.


Collection of children’s short stories, translated from French to English.


While a princess spoils her eight cats, a mouse and his friend, a brown bat, live on scraps in the castle cellar, but Mouse decides to place bells on the cats necks so that he and Brown Bat might live comfortably, as well. Includes the Aesop fable on which the story is based.


A modern fable about some peacocks and swans who allow the fear of their differences to become so great that they end up destroying each other.


In this variation of the old tale of the ant who gathers food for winter, and the grasshopper who does not prepare, there is an unexpected ending.


A bag of gold given to a poor but cheerful shoemaker by a rich man causes the cobbler so much worry that he returns it.


In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti, an adventuresome mouse proves that even a small creature is capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle.


A crafty old wolf finds a peaceful way to satisfy his hunger in this alternate version of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," told from the wolf's point of view and set in Asia.
Woodland animals, each thinking of his neighbor, share a turnip left on their doorstep.

Retells the fable of a frustrated fox that, after many tries to reach a high bunch of grapes, decides they must be sour anyway.

**FICTION**

**N/A**  
Collection of short, original fables with fresh, unexpected morals that poke subtle fun at human foibles through the antics of animals.

**430**  
This graphic adaptation from Kipling’s Just so stories relates how the leopard got his spotted coat in order to hunt the animals in the dappled shadows of the forest.

**NONFICTION**

**N/A**  
With bright photographs and illustrations, this volume explains the concept of a fable—defining the genre, detailing its characteristics, and reproducing some of the most famous examples of these stories from cultures around the world.

**530**  
Jamey Tortoise is smarter than anyone else and Jimi Hare is faster, but when a race is announced each consults a reporter about how to get what he really wants when and if he should win in this updated twist on the familiar fable.

An illustrated retelling of nineteen fables and tales from China, each of which features a nugget of ancient folk wisdom and introduces aspects of traditional Chinese culture and lore.


A fox plays upon a crow's vanity to steal a piece of cheese.


Quick, fun examples help you understand the magic of fairy tales, fables, and folk tales.


Retells folktales and fables from Iran, including the story of a mouse and a cockroach who fell in love, a foolish weaver’s apprentice, and a boy with the head of a chickpea.

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