

## Anansi And The Moss Covered Rock

Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.

"....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

The all new essays in this book discuss Black cultural retellings of traditional, European fairy tales. The representation of Black protagonists in such tales helps to shape children's ideas about themselves and the world beyond their limited experiences. Allowing them to see themselves in traditional tales strengthens connections with the world and can ignite a will to read books representing diverse ethnic and cultural characters. Also discussed is the need for a multicultural text set which includes the multiplicity of cultures within the Black Diaspora. The tales referenced in the text are rich and diverse in perspective, illuminating stories such as Aesop's fables, Cinderella, Rapunzel and Ananse. Readers will see that stories from Black perspectives adhere to the dictates of traditional literary conventions while steeped in literary traditions that can be traced back to Africa or the diaspora.

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Lists children's songs that deal with animals, bathtime, birthdays, clothing, farms, gardens, imagination, names, school, teeth, and weather

Presents over 1,800 quotations from nearly five hundred works of children's literature, arranged alphabetically by author, and includes quotes from fairy tales and nursery rhymes, as well as keyword and title indexes, and a bibliography.

Everything you need to create exciting thematic science units can be found in these handy guides. Developed for educators who want to take an integrated approach, these guides contain resource lists, reading selections, and activities that can be easily pulled together for units on virtually any science topic.

Chapters identify and describe comprehensive teaching resources (nonfiction) and related fiction reading selections, then detail hands-on science and extension activities that help students learn the scientific method and build learning across the curriculum.

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

"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

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This is how storyteller, librarian, and all-around jokester Rob Reid opens his delightful new book, *Something Funny Happened at the Library*. Wouldn't it be great if kids came home from the library holding their sides, eager to pass on the funny things they heard in the library that day? According to Reid, the best way to get the attention of young people is to make them laugh. From easy-to-win-over preschoolers to unimpressed teens, this book will serve as your personal humor coach for even the toughest audiences out there. With tricks of the trade on how to warm up an audience, choose age-appropriate material, use facial and vocal expressions to lure them in, and select props, you're on your way to something very funny! Young children won't be able to hold in their giggles after such programs as "The World's Worst Ice-Cream Story," and intermediate school-age kids will love to take part in book theme parties in honor of Captain Underpants or such special celebrations as "Boo Ha-Ha!" Even those middle- and high-school students, once convinced to participate in "Comedy Club" (a program that combines reading and stand-up) or spoonerisms (a wordplay game), will be rolling in the aisles. To enrich all of these programs, Reid also includes a funny reader's theater script, tips on how to host lively library tours and school visits, and even rap songs that extol the virtues of reading and the library! A complete

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resource for getting children and young adults snickering and having fun in the stacks with innovative programming that uses humor, Something Funny helps you to connect with children and young adults and, along the way, make the library the hippest place in town!

Presents twenty-four participative programs for library storytimes, featuring a mix of picture books, poetry, music, and movement activities; each with lists of alternative material that fits the theme.

Introduces rhythm, melody, form, instruments, music history, and dance using a variety of illustrated folk songs, rhythmic poems, and stories with musical themes.

### Children's Fiction

Join the countless professionals who have benefited from the best how to storytelling guide available today. *Storytelling: Art and Technique* is a proven handbook and selection tool that shows you how to select, prepare, and tell stories to and for children aged 3 to 13. Ideal for both beginning and experienced storytellers working in public or school library settings, this useful volume reveals the storyteller's art—from planning through performance.

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Committed to embracing the power of oral language, *Literacy Out Loud*

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recognizes the important role "talk" plays in developing the reading and writing abilities that students need in school and beyond. The book offers strategies where oral language takes centre stage and is fostered through engaging activities. Literacy activities and events focus on all aspects of listening and speaking, and emphasize enjoyable, purposeful, social learning. The book argues that listening and speaking, or "talk," is at the heart of a vibrant classroom. It shows teachers how to nurture dynamic classroom talk that is essential in its own right, and makes all learning possible.

A classic trickster folktale told with humor and charm, this is a perfect read along book both parents and children will love. When Anansi the Spider finds a strange moss-covered rock in the forest, he uses it to trick all his animal friends. But Little Bush Deer is onto Anansi's scheme, and hatches a plan to beat him at his own game. Based on tales originating in West Africa and familiar in Caribbean culture, the five-book Anansi the Trickster series is full of slapstick humor and mischief. Eric A. Kimmel's imaginative energy combined with Janet Stevens' expressive illustrations create the perfect silly stories for fun-loving kids.

A prosperous but simple and pious Jew of ancient Alexandria comes to the realization of why God has permitted his great wealth to accumulate.

An essential overview of this blossoming field, *The Routledge Companion to Inter-American Studies* is the first collection to draw together the diverse approaches and perspectives on the field, highlighting the importance of Inter-American Studies as it is practiced today. Including

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contributions from canonical figures in the field as well as a younger generation of scholars, reflecting the foundation and emergence of the field and establishing links between older and newer methodologies, this Companion covers: Theoretical reflections Colonial and historical perspectives Cultural and political intersections Border discourses Sites and mobilities Literary and linguistic perspectives Area studies, global studies, and postnational studies Phenomena of transfer, interconnectedness, power asymmetry, and transversality within the Americas. *Representing Africa in Children's Literature* explores how African and Western authors portray youth in contemporary African societies, critically examining the dominant images of Africa and Africans in books published between 1960 and 2005. The book focuses on contemporary children's and young adult literature set in Africa, examining issues regarding colonialism, the politics of representation, and the challenges posed to both "insiders" and "outsiders" writing about Africa for children.

An annotated bibliography to multicultural juvenile titles

**WHAT IT IS:** This fun and hilarious musical play helps you teach the standards while bringing your classroom to life! Easy-to-do play comes with script, audio CD, and teacher's guide. NO music or drama experience is required; you don't have to sing or play a note! Go big and perform on stage, keep it simple with a classroom performance, or simply do reader's theater in class. No fancy sets, costumes, or performance spaces are needed, so it's all up to you! Flexible casting for 8-40 students and permission to edit the script and songs make it easy to tailor the play to the needs of your class and community. Your purchase of one copy per teacher includes permission to photocopy the script for students. **/// WHAT IT TEACHES:** Based on a West African tale, "Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock" tells the story of a very

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tricky spider who discovers a magic rock that he uses to steal food from all the jungle inhabitants. The last laugh is on Anansi, of course, but not before everyone has a chance to sing some fun songs about yams, dancing mangos, and Anansi's mischief! 20 minutes; grades 1-4. /// WHAT IT DOES: "Anansi" is a great complement to your curriculum resources in language arts. And, like all Bad Wolf Press plays, this show can be used to improve reading comprehension, vocabulary, performance and speaking skills, class camaraderie and teamwork, and school engagement and parental involvement; all while enabling students to be part of a truly fun and creative experience they will never forget!

Offers activities, strategies, and creative ideas for using nonsense rhymes, songs, chants, and folk literature to promote thinking, reading, and listening skills in young learners.

Includes chapters for folklore, contemporary fiction, fantasy, biographies, and tales from around the world, and suggests classroom and library activities to accompany them

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Kar-Ben Read-Aloud eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and text highlighting to bring eBooks to life! A mysterious soldier appears at the door hands Gabriel a tarnished horn, and disappears. As the years go by, Gabriel's family prospers and they, in turn, help their neighbors. Could their good luck have something to do with the soldier or the horn?

For a long time, many American educators and educational stakeholders have drawn their ideas for educational reforms from ideas generated in Europe and Asia for the

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changing demographics of America's diverse classrooms. This book is therefore motivated by a bold attempt at advocating for the revision of existing pedagogic fora and the creation and addition of new fora that would provide for the inclusion of thoughts, perspectives and practices of African traditional oral literature in the pedagogical tools of content area classrooms especially in North America. The articles that are presented in this book provide theoretical frameworks for using African traditional oral literature and its various tenets as teaching tools. They bring together new voices of how African literature could be used as helpful tool in classrooms. Rationale for agitating for its use as ideal for pedagogic tool is the recurrent theme throughout the various articles presented. The book explores how educators, literacy educators, learners, activists, policy makers, and curriculum developers can utilize the powerful, yet untapped gem of African oral literature as pedagogical tools in content area classrooms to help expand educators repertoire of understanding beyond the 'conventional wisdom' of their pedagogic creed. It is a comprehensive work of experienced and diverse scholars, academicians, and educators who have expertise in multicultural education, traditional oral literature, urban education, children's literature and culturally responsive pedagogy that have become the focus of U.S. discourses in public education and teacher preparation. This anthology serves as part of the quest for multiple views about our 'global village', emphasizing the importance of linking the idea of diverse knowledge with realities of global trends and development.

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Consequently, the goal and the basic thrust of this anthology is to negotiate for space for non-mainstream epistemology to share the pedagogical floor with the mainstream template, to foster alternative vision of reality for other knowledge production in the academic domain. The uniqueness of this collection is the idea of bringing the content and the pedagogy of most of the genres of African oral arts under one umbrella and thereby offering a practical acquaintance and appreciation with different African cultures. It therefore introduces the world of African mind and thoughts to the readers. In summary, this anthology presents an academic area which is now gaining its long overdue recognition in the academia.

Shows teachers how to help students become confident, accomplished writers, using literature as their foundation. The book is organised around the characteristics of good writing: focus, content, organisation, style, and conventions.

Joseph always welcomes guests to his Sabbath table, while his greedy neighbor Judah scoffs at Joseph's generosity. Even as his fortunes decline, Joseph's door remains open. But times change and Judah turns to his Joseph for help. A very special fish helps Joseph save the day.

Convinced that he can outrun any danger, the freshly-baked gingerbread man fails to appreciate that a very fast runner is no match for a very sly fox.

Covering a range from supernatural fiction to dark fantasy to graphic horror, these 25 interviewees discuss the creative challenges, expectations and conventions of the

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horror genre. These authors, directors and actors working in the horror genre include Clive Barker, Neil Gaiman, James Herbert, Joe Hill, Steve Niles, Sarah Pinborough, John Carpenter, Mick Garris, Stuart Gordon, Rob Zombie, Christa Campbell, Zach Galligan, Betsy Palmer and Ron Perlman.

This wonderful resource from two authors with an infectious enthusiasm for children's literature will help readers select and share quality books for and with young children. Specifically focused on infants through the third grade, *Sharing the Journey* contains descriptive book annotations, instructive commentary, and creative teaching activities tailored for those important years. Extensive book lists throughout will help readers build a library of quality children's literature. Books representing other cultures are included to help celebrate diversity as well as cultural connection. Genre chapters include poetry, fantasy, and realistic and historical fiction. A chapter on informational books demonstrates how young children can be introduced to, and learn to enjoy, nonfiction.

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.

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Holiday House

This book assists the busy professional with ready-to-use materials to present entertaining, educational, and age-appropriate programs that introduce young

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learners to countries and cultures around the world.

Arthur, tired of being the only one in his class who still has all his baby teeth, waits impatiently for his loose tooth to fall out.

A fairy falls down the chimney and comes to rescue the miserable Prince Cinders.

When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup of water and stones, and all the town enjoys a feast.

When three Hanukkah latkes fight over which of them tastes the best, the winner is decided by the family cat. Which will he choose? The excited latkes can't wait to find out, but perhaps they should be careful what they wish for!

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