# Traditional Tales from Around the World

This series of books are based on Aesop's best known fables. Each fable is partnered with a story from another part of the world that has similar animal characters. The lessons learnt from each story are universal, leaving a lot of room for discussion and comparison. Extensive teachers' notes for further class activities covering different areas of the curriculum are included. The stories are beautifully told and illustrated by award winning authors and illustrators.

a mouse will always be weaker than a lion but too strong for the ropes that hold down the lion; a fox who gets most from a flat dish will get the least out of a tall deep one; the hare that shows off comes out last! don't belittle the goose that can lay the golden egg.



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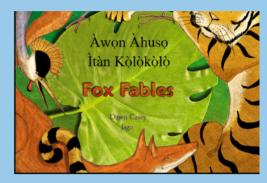
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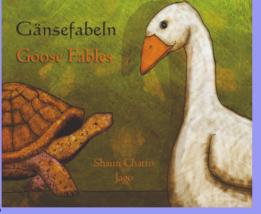
In Aesop's *The Fox and the Crane* Fox invites Crane to tea but gives her a flat dish so she can't eat any of the food. When it is Crane's turn to invite Fox what dish does she use?

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In the Jataka fable of *The Tortoise and the Geese,* Tortoise never stops talking. When his friends, the Goose Brothers, leave to fly South Tortoise wants to join them but to do so he must keep his mouth shut...

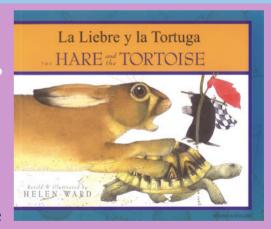
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# The Hare & the Tortoise

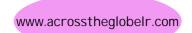
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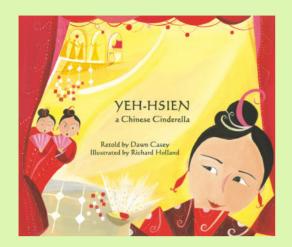
There once was a very fast hare and a very slow tortoise, but who will be the winner of this most unusual race? Aesop's classic tale focuses on the race but what of all the other animals that might have been watching?

"A beautiful book... Chardin would not have been ashamed of the hare that leaps across these pages, leaving a decorative tangle of animals in his path. The tortoise is handsome, too, worthy of this spirited new version of the story." Kate Kellaway, The Observer

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# World folk tales



#### Yeh-Shien - a Chinese Cinderella

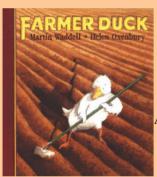
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The story of Yeh-Shien is believed to be the original telling of the Cinderella story. Yeh-Shien is raised by her stepmother who always gives her the hardest chores. Yeh-Shien's only friend is a fish, whom the wicked stepmother kills! The bones of the fish are magical and they grant her wish to go to the village festival where she loses her slipper...

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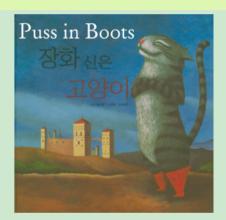
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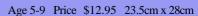
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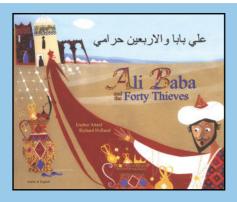
Swish, swish! They sewed. Tap, tap! They hammered in the nails. Their little fingers worked so fast that the shoemaker could hardly believe his eyes ... Who are the secret helpers that come in the night? Grimm's classic tale is magically retold and richly illustrated by the award winning team that made Little Red Hen and the Grains of Wheat. Available in English with

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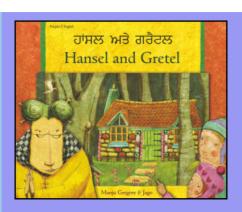
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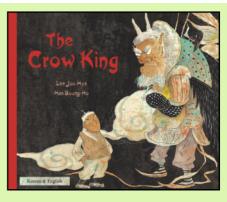
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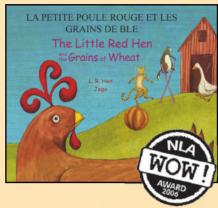
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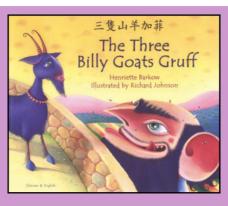
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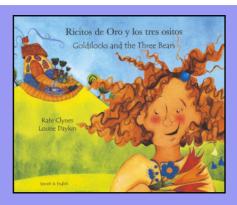
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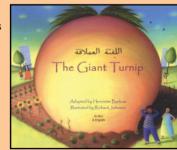
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