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Selections from the Children's Book Collection:

Folktales

North America

Dragonfly's Tale. Rodanas, Kristina. New York : Clarion Books, c1991.

After a poor corn harvest two children regain the Corn Maidens' blessings for their people with the aid of a cornstalk toy, the dragonfly. Early readers. j SB191.M2 R611 1991

The Golden Flower: A Taino Myth from Puerto Rico. Jaffe, Nina.

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1996.

Retelling of the Puerto Rican Taino Indian creation myth about a child who plants seeds which develop into a forest; in the forest a pumpkin grows and breaks open releasing the ocean and its creatures.

Early readers. j SB347 .J18 1996

Asia

Grandfather Cherry Blossom. McCarthy, Ralph F. Tokyo; New York: Kodansha International, 1993.

This is a version of a Japanese folk fable illustrating greed and unselfishness in the natures of two neighbors. Early readers. j SB366 .M127 1993

Judge Rabbit and the Tree Spirit: A Folktale from Cambodia. Wall, Lina Mao.

San Francisco, CA: Children's Book Press, c1991.

A Cambodian folk tale about a rabbit that solves the problem of a mischievous tree spirit who has taken on human form. Early readers. j QK83 .Sp13 1991

Africa

Anansi and the Magic Yams: A West African Folk Tale. Troughton, Joanna.

London: Blackie Children's Books, 1994.

A retelling of the Ashanti folktale about a trickster spider who greedily takes the special magic yams from the Spirits' garden. Early readers. j SB211.Y3 T757 1994

Nama Kwa's Garden. Clanahan, Mary. Cape Town: Struik, 2005.

This folktale, inspired by the magical transformation of Namaqualand each spring from near desert to fairyland flower carpets, tells the story of villagers' creation of a surprise garden as a gift for their chief.

Advanced readers. j QK396 .C529 2005

Europe

The Green Mist. Sewall, Marcia. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.

A retelling of a Lincolnshire, England folktale, in which a dying child is made well by the spring rituals intended to placate the mischievous beings hiding in the earth. Early readers. j S519 .Se86 1999

Slop! A Welsh Folktale. MacDonald, Margaret Read. Golden, CO: Fulcrum Kids, c1997.

To appease their tiny neighbors, an old couple tidily compost their food scraps. Early readers. j S654 .M144 1997

General

Earth Tales from Around the World. Caduto, Michael J. Golden, CO: Fulcrum Pub., 1997.

A collection of traditional folktales from over 40 different countries. Advanced readers. j QK83 .C115 1997

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