

American Folk Tales Annotated Book List

Dona Flor: A Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart. Pat Mora
Set in the American Southwest; a tall tale about a giant girl who speaks the language of plants and animals.

John Henry. Julius Lester
The story of the "steel driving man" who raced with a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

Paul Bunyan. Steven Kellogg
The story of the biggest lumberjack in the world and his giant blue ox, Babe.

Mike Fink. Steven Kellogg
Tall tale about grizzly-bear wrestler who is King of the Mississippi River Keelboatmen.

Pecos Bill. Steven Kellogg
Tall tale about the greatest cowboy in Texas, who was raised by coyotes.

Sally Ann Thunder Whirlwind Crockett. Steven Kellogg
The story of a girl who talked when she was born and was not intimidated by grizzly bears, snakes, or humans.

Swamp Angel. Anne Isaacs
The greatest woodswoman of Tennessee who can vanquish huge bears and swallow entire lakes in a gulp.

Thunder Rose. Jerdine Nolen
An African-American girl born during a thunderstorm can form a ball out of lightning and face down tornadoes.

Big Annie: An American Tall Tale. Sandra Robbins
The Creole flatboat captain who uses her strength and the help of some animals to pull a boatload of toys through a Christmas storm.

Steamboat Annie and the Thousand Pound Catfish. Catherine Wright
Steamboat Annie battles a thousand pound catfish, finally flinging him clear to California, where he still causes earthquake trouble.

Anthologies

American Tall Tales. Mary Pope Osborne
Nine stories of early American folk heroes, including Johnny Appleseed and Davy Crockett.

The Jack Tales. Richard Chase
Eighteen folktales, including Jack and the Bean Tree, about Jack's resourcefulness and perseverance.