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 folktale, including Jack and the Bean Tree, about Jack’s resourcefulness and perseverance.