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African	KS1,KS2	Anansi and the talking melon	Kimmel, Eric A.	08234110440 823411672 (pbk)	A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.	New York : Holiday House, c1994.	*398.21 KIM	
African	KS1	Fly, Eagle, Fly! : an African tale	Gregorowski, Christopher	0711216908 (hbk); 0711217300 (pbk)	A farmer went out one day to search for a lost calf. He finds not the calf, however, but an orphaned eaglet. He takes it home, and having placed it among his hens and roosters and decided to train it to be a chicken.....	UK: Frances Lincoln, 2000.		
African	KS1, KS2	The magic tree : a tale from the Congo	McDermott, Gerald.	0805030808	Retells a Congolese tale in which an ugly and unloved twin discovers a magic tree that gives him everything he wants.	New York : Holt, 1994.	*398.21 MACD	
Alaska	KS1	Salmon Princess: an Alaska cinderella story	Dwyer,Mindy	1570613559	In a small southeast Alaska village, Cinder works hard helping her family clean fish. But what she really wants to do is wear a beautiful dress and dance the Silver Salmon Festival. With some magical help from Eagle, Cinder's adventures begin.	US: Sasquatch Books, 2004.		

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Amazon		How night came	Joanna Troughton.	0140563792	Long ago, it was always daylight. Ngith was kept a prisoner below the waters. Then night was set free and with the night came beautiful birds and animals.	Picture Puffins, 1994	*398.2109811 TRO	
American	Pre-school	a northern alphabet	Harrison, Ted	0887762336	Through brief text and illustrations, the letters of the alphabet and various aspects of life in the Arctic are introduced.	Canada: Tundra Books, 1992.		
American	KS1	A Prairie alphabet	Cugnet, Jo Bannatyne	0887763235	When most people think of the prairies, they picture endless flat plains, miles of farms with grain waving in the wind, gentle, undulating hills, and vast cattle ranches. But to the people who live there, particularly the children, the prairies are much more.	Canada: Tundra Books,1992.		
American	KS1,KS2	Rainbow crow	Retold by Nancy Van Laan	0679819428	The earth's first snow is falling, and as it grows deeper the animals are disappearing beneath it. Cold and worried, they argue over who should ask the Great sky spirit for help. Then the sweet voice of Rainbow Crow rings out: "I will go. I will stop the snow." How brave Crow is given fire to thaw the woodland - and how the powerful gift changes him forever- makes an eloquent ending to this Native American legend.	New York : Knop, c1989	*JJ VAN	

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American	KS1	When Jessie came across the sea	Hest, Amy	076361274X	Jessie is a brave and hard-working girl, who finds love and a measure of success.	US: Candlewick Press, 1997		Yes
American	KS1,KS2	A Prairie boy's winter	Kurelek, William	088776102X	Text and twenty color paintings depict the rigors and simple pleasures of winter on the prairies during the 1930's.	Canada: Tundra Books, 1973.		
American	KS1,KS2	Coyote and the laughing butterflies	Taylor, Harriet Peck	027888460	Coyote is tricked by some butterflies who laugh so hard about their joke that they cannot fly straight.	New York : Macmillan Books for Young Readers, c1995.	*398.21 TAY	
Chinese-American	KS2,KS3	Share the sky	Ye, Ting-Xing	1550375784	A warmly told tale about a child moved from a village to the America. The kite-flying theme linked the love of the child with his grandparents and his homeland. It also related the fact that living outside China does not change your commitment to tradition and being a Chinese.	Canada : Annick, c1999.	#CLSNP F YET	Yes

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Chinese-American	KS1	The jade necklace	Yee, Paul	1896580076	When her father is lost at sea during a typhoon and her family no longer has enough to eat, Yenyee travels to Vancouver as a servant, across the ocean which she feels betrayed her.	UK and Canada: Tradewind Books, 2002.		
American Indian	KS2,KS3	Brother eagle, sister sky	Seattle,Chief	0142301329	The Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth. The great American Indian Chief Seattle spoke these words over a hundred years ago. His remarkably relevant message of respect for the Earth and every creature on it has endured the test of time and is imbued with passion born of love of the land and the environment.	US: Penguin,2002.	*JJ SEA	
American Indian	Pre-school	How grandmother spider got the sun: a Cherokee Tale	Ernesto, Lilly	0395903157	A possum and buzzard tried to grab the sun but failed. Grandmother spider got the sun with her wits.	US: Houghton Mifflin, 1995.		Yes

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American Indian	KS2	How rabbit stole the fire	Joanna Troughton.	0140506675	This story originates amongst the Native American peoples of the South East, and portrays Rabbit as a trickster hero who brings fire to the earth. Rabbit devises a plan to steal fire from the Sky People, and fashions a special head-dress - ostensibly to teach them a new dance. He craftily sets light to his feathers and sets off down the mountain, helped by a relay of animals to preserve the fire for their own comfort.	Picture Puffins, 1994	*JY TRO *JJ TRO	
Arabian	KS1,KS2	The tale of Ali Baba and the forty thieves: a story from the Arabian nights	Kimmel, Eric A.	082341258X (hpk)	A poor woodcutter discovers the hidden treasures of a band of robbers, survives great danger, and brings riches to his whole family.	New York : Holiday House, c1996.	*398.21 KIM	
Asian and South American	KS2	The trial of the stone	Richardo, Keens-Douglas	1550376462	An illustrated telling of the Asian and South American folktale in which a boy loses his breakfast money after hiding it under a stone, and the stone is put on trial for stealing it.	US:Annick Press, 2000.		Yes

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Australia	KS2	What made Tiddalik laugh	Joanna Trouhton.	0140506748	An Aboriginal tale based upon natural history facts. The giant frog, Tiddalik, drank all the water in the world and the only way to stop the ensuing drought was to make him laugh and spill the water. However, all the animals cannot raise a giggle until Platypus comes out of her hole.	Picture Puffins, 1994	*JY TRO	
British	KS1,KS2	The story of Robin Hood	Philip, Neil.	0789414902	Recounts the life and adventures of Robin Hood, who, with his band of followers, lived in Sherwood Forest as an outlaw dedicated to fighting tyranny.	New York : DK Pub., 1997.	*398.22 PHI #KTS F PHI	
Canadian	KS1	Paddles-to-the-Sea	Holling, Holling Clancy	0395292034	A small toy canoe named Paddle-to-the-Sea was craved by a young Indian boy makes a journey from Lake Superior all the way to the Altantic Ocean.	US: Houghton Mifflin, 1941.		

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Chinese	KS1	Diary of a Princess : A tale from Marco Polo's travels	Maisner, Heather	0711218544 (hbk); 0711218552 (pbk)	The Khan of Persia's favorite wife has died, and Kublai Khan, emperor of all Chinese, decrees that 17-year-old Princess Kokachin shall replace her. The princess feels safe knowing that her escort to Persia will be the great Venetian traveler, Marco Polo.	UK: Frances Lincoln, 2002.	*JJ MAI	
Chinese	Pre-school	Dragon dance	Holub, Joan	142400009	It's Chinese New Year and there are so many fun things to do!	US: Penguin, 2003.		
Chinese	Pre-school	Kite flying	Lin, Grace	0553112546	The wind is blowing. It is a good day for kites! The whole family makes a trip to the local craft store for paper, glue, and paint.	US: Dell Dragonfly Books, 2004.		
Chinese	KS1,KS2	The Five Chinese Brothers	Bishop, Claire Huchet & Kurt Wiese	0698113578	The beloved story of five brothers who use their special powers to rescue the First Brother from being unfairly put to death.	US: PaperStar Book, 1996.		

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Chinese	KS1	The lost horse	Young, ED	015205023X	A retelling of the tale about a Chinese man who owned a marvelous horse and who believed that things were not always as bad, or as good, as they might seem -- which can best be translated as the proverb "A loss may turn out to be a gain". (塞翁失馬)	US: Voyager Books, 1998.	*398.210951 YOU	
Chinese	KS1	The magic paintbrush	Donaldson, Julia	0333964438	When the greedy emperor hears about Shen's magic brush, all he can think about is gold. Shen, however, is determined to only paint food for the hungry and clothes for the needy. How can a little village girl match an emperor's mighty power?	UK: Macmillan Children's Books, 2003		
Chinese	KS2	The seeing stick	Yolen, Jane	0690004559	A gracefully told folklore irradiating wisdom and joy from long-ago China. The tale relates how an old man teaches the emperor's blind daughter to see with her figures, and more significantly, with her mind and her heart.	US : Crowell, c1977.		

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Chinese	KS2	The seven Chinese brothers	Mahy, Margaret	0590420577	Seven Chinese brothers escape from execution by virtue of their extraordinary individual qualities.	US: Scholastic, 1990.	*JJ MAH #HTPS P MAH	Yes
Egypt	KS1, KS2	Croco' Nile	Roy Gerrard	0140563407	Long, long ago in Egypt beside the River Nile, a young boy and his sister found a baby crocodile...	Singapore: Imago Publishing Limited, 1997	*JJ GER *821 GER	
French	KS1, KS2	Beauty and the beast	Pearce, Philippa.	0750019972 (pbk)	The traditional fairy tale about a castle and its magical inhabitants with themes of sacrifice and love.	Hove : Macdonald Young Books, 1996.	*398.21 PEA	
French	KS1, KS2	Three sacks of truth : a story from France	Kimmel, Eric A.	082340921X	With the aid of a perfect peach, a silver fife, and his own resources, Petit Jean outwits a dishonest king and wins the hand of a princess.	New York : Holiday House, c1993.	*398.21 KIM	
German	Pre-school	Cinderella	Amery, Heather	0746058357	A delightful picture book of the traditional story of Cinderella which is specially written for very young reader.	UK: Usborne Publishing Ltd, 2003.		
Greece	KS1, KS2	Aesop's fables	Aesop	0517204223	A delightful collection of Aesop's fables complemented by colourful illustrations.	New York : Derrydale, 1999.	*398.21 AES	

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Indian	KS2	Hanuman	Jendresen, Erik & Joshua M. Greene	1883672783 (hbk); 1582461252 (pbk)	This retelling of one of India's most sacred texts, the Ramayana, recounts how the great monkey army helped save Princess Sita from a demon king.	US: Tricycle Press, 2004.		
Indian	KS2, KS3	The Owner of light	Rivas, Ivonne	488012964X	A myth about the owner of light gave the basket of light to a man, and how the sun and the moon were created.	Spain: Ediciones Ekare, 1996.		
Indian	KS2	The tiger child	Joanna Trughton	0140382380	Long ago, tiger used to cook his food. One day the fire goes out and tiger sends his nephew to the village to fetch some more. But when the tiger chold arrives he cannot remember hat it was his uncle wanted...	Picture Puffins, 1994	*398.21 TIG	
Inuit	KS1	The Polar Bear Son: an Inuit tale	Dabcovich, Lydia	03959727669	An old Eskimo-Inuit woman adopts an orphan polar bear cub that provides food for her as it grows up. When the men of the village grow jealous of the animal's superior hunting ability and decide to kill it, she sends it away. For years afterward, she walks far out on the ice and meets the bear, who brings her salmon and seal.	US: Clarion Books,1997.	*398.2 DAB	

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Iranian	KS1	The Unhappy Turtle	Hamid Reza Beidaghi	4880128155	Frustrated at being so slow, a turtle tried on bird's wings, rabbit's feet and fish's fins. After all, the turtle realized that they gave him more problems; instead, it is more important to be himself.	Japan: Shinseken Limited, 2003		
Irish	KS1,KS2	Billy Beg and his bull : an Irish tale	Greene, Ellin	0823411001	With magical gifts from the bull his mother had given him, the son of an Irish king manages to prove his bravery and win a princess as his wife.	New York : Holiday House, c1994.	*398.21 GRE	
Japanese	KS1, KS2	Tasty baby belly buttons	Sierra,Judy	0440417384	Urikohime, a girl born from a melon, battles the monstrous onis, who steal babies to eat their tasty belly buttons.	US:Random House,1999.		Yes
Jewish Morroccan	KS1	The bachelor and the bean	Fowles, Shelly	0711220018 (hbk); 1845070208 (pbk)	A grumpy old bachelor drops a bean down a well inhabited by an imp. To stop his complaints, the imp gives him a magic pot that produces food on command. But when he confronts the nasty old lady, he realizes that he has found a woman as bad-tempered as him.	UK: Frances Lincoln, 2004		

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Korean	KS1	The green frogs	Heo ,Yumi	0395683785	Two green frogs love disobeying their mother. They always do the opposite of whatever she tells them to do .	US: Houghton Mifflin, 1996.	*398.21 HEO	
Korean	KS2	The village where everyone is happy	Hong, Seong-Chan	4880124877	A servant from an undersea kingdom is sent topside to find out what is making the villagers so happy.	Japan: Shinseken Limited, 2001.		
Mutli-cultures	Pre-school	The story tree: tales to read aloud	Lupton, Hugh	1841483125	It brings together playful tales from many cultures, such as "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "The Little Red Hen".	US: Barefoot Books, 2001.		
Spanish	KS3	Zorro!	Stockton , Sally M.	07561735723	Zorro, a masked hero who defends the oppressed in Old California. He had a mission to rescue the innocent from the corrupt governor and his army.	Hong Kong: Commercial Press, 2003.	*428.6 STO #EMB 805.18 4124 2003	Yes
Tibetan	KS1,KS2	All the way to Lhasa: A tale from Tibet	Berger, Barbara Helen	0399233873	A young boy and his yak bravely overcome all odds to get to Lhasa, giving a wise and simple message that will inspire children of any age to dream and reach for a shining goal that may seem "very far."	US:Philomel Books, c2002.		

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	KS1, KS2	Pretty girl	Machado, Ana Maria	4880129674	A delightful story of a rabbit finding out the secret of beauty from a black skin girl. A comically told irony about appreciating one's identity and heredity.	Japan: Shinseken Limited, 2000		
	KS2	Weslandia	Fleischman,Paul	0763610526	Wesley's garden produces a crop of huge, strange plants which provide him with clothing, shelter, food, and drink, thus helping him create his own civilization and changing his life.	Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 1999	*JJ FLE	