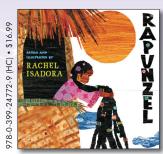
New Twists on Old Tales

Penguin Young Readers Group offers updated riffs on classic fairy tales that you can use in any classroom!

Once Upon a Time



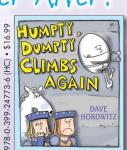
Rapunzel
Rachel Isadora
Ages 6–8
G.P. Putnam's Sons

Children throughout the world love the Grimm stories, but may not identify with the European geography or Western culture. Abandoning dark German forests and fantastic French castles, Caldecott Honor-winning author and illustrator Rachel Isadora reimagines Rapunzel in a colorful, vibrant Africa. Ask students to draw or collage a scene from their favorite story but place it in another country or continent. How does a story change when the action moves to a new physical setting?

Happily Ever After?



Gingerbread Friends
Jan Brett
Ages 3–5
G.P. Putnam's Sons

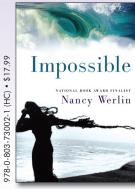


Humpty Dumpty Climbs
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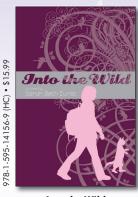
Dave Horowitz Ages 3–5 G.P. Putnam's Sons

Fairy tales provide great beginning and ending points for new stories. What if the Gingerbread Boy wasn't eaten? Maybe he'd grow lonely, and look for a friend, like in Jan Brett's picture book *Gingerbread Friends*. What if Humpty Dumpty only bruised his ego when he fell off the wall? Would he hide in his house forever, or could he summon up the courage to go climbing again, like he does in Dave Horowitz's *Humpty Dumpty Climbs Again*?

For a writing exercise, ask your students to expand upon a fairy tale of their choice, either by writing a prequel or changing the ending.



Impossible
Nancy Werlin
Ages 12 and up
Dial Books for Young Readers



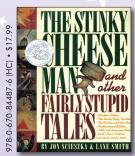
Into the Wild
Sarah Beth Durst
Ages 9-11
978-1-595-14185-9 (PB)
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Out of the Wild Sarah Beth Durst Ages 9–11 Razorbill

Fairy tales are full of princesses and princesses, but also dangers, death, monsters, and cruelty. What if you only had nine months to defeat an ancient curse and save yourself and your unborn daughter, like Lucy in Nancy Werlin's Scarborough Fair-inspired Impossible? Or what if fairy tale characters fled their unhappy, neverending stories for the real world, only to have the stories draw them in again, like in Sarah Beth Durst's Into the Wild and Out of the Wild? Encourage older students to write a story about how a 21st-century kid would react to being caught in a fairy or folk tale. Ask them to consider how they would use today's technology.

Un-Grim Grimm Tales



The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales

by Jon Scieszka & Illustrated by Lane Smith. 978-0-670-06300-0 (PB) • \$9.99 • Ages 3 and up Viking Children's Books

The Grimm tales are often cautionary and filled with unpleasant endings for many characters. Some nursery rhymes hide political criticism and historical commentary. But through parody and humorous reinterpretations, even the endless nagging of the righteous red hen can become funny, like in Jon Scieszka's Caldecott Honor-winning book The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales.

Challenge your students to irreverently retell a story. They can add twists to well-known stories by altering a pivotal plot point or revealing odd characteristics about the main characters. Maybe Rapunzel's hair is a wig. Maybe Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother is a werewolf. The crazier the twist, the better!

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Ages 3–5
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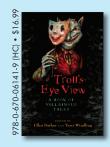
The Hog Prince
Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen.
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