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**Title:** Stone Soup

**Author:** Ann McGovern

**Illustrator:** Winslow Pinney Pels

**First Line:** A young man was walking.

**List:** butter, barley, pepper, salt, juicy beef bones, (long,thin carrots), yellow onions, (round, gray stone)

**Saying:** “Fancy that.”

**People:** hungry young man, little old lady, prince, king

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**Title**: Moses When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom

 by Carole Boston Weatherford Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

**First Line:** On a summer night, Harriet gazes at the sky and talks with God.

**Simile**: “After seven days, Harriet rises from that hole like a sapling, reaches for the sun as if to touch God’s hand.”

**Fonts:** to help with understanding text complexity.

**Vocabulary:** indigo, sugarcane, whip-poor-will, twinkling, murmurs, steady, dusk, chariot, farewell, plantation, screeches, swamp, croaking, mortals, refuge, flutters, clearing, babbling, churns, patrollers, nabbing, crouches, deserted, shun, sapling, butterbeans

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**Title:** Stone Soup

**Author:** Marcia Brown

**Illustrator:** Marcia Brown (Caldecott Honor Book)

**First Line:**  Three soldiers trudged down a road in a strange country.

**Vocabulary:** trudged, village, loft, peasants, barley, lofts, wells, quilts, cellars, harvest, torches, banquet, loft

**Hyphenated Words:** send-off

**Ingredients:** barley, milk, cabbages, potatoes, meat, salt/pepper, carrots, cabbage

**People:** peasant, king, soldiers, priest, baker, mayor

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**Title:** The Real Story of Stone Soup

**Author:** Ying Chang Compestine

**Illustrator:** Stephane Jorisch

**First Line:** “By now, you have probably heard the old folktale about stone soup.”

**Vocabulary:** stingy, villagers, invented, sly, steered, dock, elders, shrugged, blabbering, bamboo stalks, ai yo, carved, chopsticks, schoolmaster, cai (vegetables), aroma, dan (egg), luscious, fragrance, drizzled, delectable, Hao chi (tastes good)

**Hyphenated words:** well-mannered

**Onomatopoeia:** Shh!, Sploosh!, Shoosh!, Shoom!

**Similes:** “My stomach purred like a kitten.”

“The aroma was so yummy, my stomach growled like an angry tiger.”

**Ingredients:** fish stone, vegetable stone (mushrooms, onion), egg stone, salt, sesame oil

**People:** schoolmaster, emperor

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**Title:** Stone Soup

**Author:** Jon J Muth

**Illustrated:** John J Muth

**First Line:** Three Monks, Hok, Lok, and Siew, traveled along a mountain road.

**Vocabulary:** gaze, village, famine, weary, suspicious, neighbors, courtyard, peered, curiosity, delicious, banquet, willows, farewell, generous

**People:** farmer, tea merchant, scholar, seamstress, doctor, carpenter, monks

**Similes:** “But today,” said Siew, his face bright as the moon, “we will show them how to make stone soup.”

**Hyphenated words:** old-style

**Ingredients:** water, stones, salt, pepper, carrots, onions, mushrooms, noodles, pea pods, cabbage, dumplings, bean curd, cloud ear, mung beans, yams, garlic, ginger root, soy sauce, lily buds

**Other food:** rice, steamed buns, lychee nuts, sweet cakes, tea

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**Title:** Stone Soup

**Retold by:** Heather Forest

**Illustrated by:** Susan Gaber

**First Line:** There was once a comfortable little village nestled in the mountains.

**Vocabulary:** nestled, content, tattered, soles, spare, boldly, squinted, tartly, wandered, wearily, sighed, clutched, elegant, glee, nutritious, delicious, incredible, edible, announced, shrug, timidly, ingredients, tempting, hearty, marveled

**People:** travelers

**Ingredients:** carrot, potato, green bean, kernel of corn, egg noodle, slice of celery, pinch of pepper, sprig of parsley, tiny turnip

**Other food:** hearty loaves of bread, chunks of cheese, bowls of fruit

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**Title:** Martina the Beautiful Cockroach – A Cuban Folktale

**Retold:** Carmen Agra Deedy

**Illustrated by:** Michael Austin

**First Line:** “Martina Josefina Catalina Cucaracha was a beautiful cockroach.”

**Spanish/English Words:** senora, una peineta (a seashell comb), una mantilla (a lace shawl), Abuela (grandmother), un consejo incredible (some shocking advice), frijoles negros (black beans), el perico (the parrot), mantilla, adios, peineta, hola (hello), mi amor (my love)

**Vocabulary:** aghast, suitors, custom, balcony, daintily, splendid, crooned, hesitated, furious, stunned, humble, aroma, pig sty, scarcely, livid, squinted

**Sayings:** “spread the word”, “abuzz with the news”, “hoofed up next”, “curled the little hairs”, “quite a ham”, “this fellow really bugged her”, “you could have heard a breadcrumb drop”, “food for thought”

**Similes:** “His voice was like warm honey.”

**Hyphenated Words:** cold-blooded

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**Title:** Bread Bread Bread

**Author:** Ann Morris

**Photographs by:** Ken Heyman

**First Line:** “People eat bread all over the world.”

**Types of Bread/Words associated with bread:** skinny, fat, round flat, bread with a hole, crunchy, lunchy, bread to soak up your egg, pizza, pretzel, loaves, sliced, roll, bakery, loaf, baguette, pita is a bread with a pocket, chappatties a kind of unleavened wheat bread, kneading, rising, baking, toaster for sliced bread, tortillas

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**Title:** The Treasure

**Author:** Uri Shulevitz

**Illustrator:** Uri Shulevitz (A Caldecott Honor Book)

**First Line:** “There once was a man and his name was Isaac.”

**Vocabulary:** poverty, inscription, contentment, Royal Palace, bridge, forest, mountains, capital city, guarded, treasure, captain, priceless ruby

**Big Idea: “**Sometimes one must travel far to discover what is near.”

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**Title:** Cuckoo

**Author:** Lois Ehlert

**Illustrator:** Lois Ehlert

**First Line:** Cuckoo was beautiful.

**Vocabulary:** cawed, parrot, roosters, cooed, doves, hooted, owl, napping, bored, flickered, muttered, tunnel, scorched, fiery, raspy, gasped, scorched

**Sayings:** “She’s stuck on herself.”

**Last line:** “You can’t tell much about a bird by looking at its feathers.”

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**Title:** The Lost Horse – A Chinese Folktale

**Author:** Ed Young

**Illustrator:** Ed Young

**First Line: “**In Northern China there once lived a wise man called Sai.”

**Vocabulary:** possessions, violent, terrified, escaped, mare, congratulate, fortune, console, hostile, nomads, invaded, injury, spared, harmony

**Hyphenated Words:** able-bodied

**Last Line:** “Together, for all the days that followed, Sai and his son lived in harmony.”

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**Title:** Shoes Shoes Shoes

**Author:** Ann Morris

**First Line:** Shoes, shoes, all kinds of shoes, wherever you find them, shoes come in twos!

**Types of shoes:** old, new, just-right-for-you, work, play, any-time-of-day, school, dancing, walking, riding, ice, snow, wooden, cloth, straw, ballet slippers, leather moccasins, sandals, wooden shoes, thongs, los zapatos (word for shoes in Guatemala), snow boots, wooden sabots (Spain to protect your feet), soccer shoes with cleats, open-toed sandals, hiking boots, Wellington boots or “willies”.

**Last Line: “**All over the world, in lands near and far, there are shoes that are right for wherever you are.”

**On back cover:** What shoes would you choose for a stroll around the globe? Russian ballet slippers or Dutch wooden shoes? Maybe you’d prefer firefighters’ boots or snowshoes? Come explore the world of shoes in this book full of dazzling photographs and see that shoes are not just made for walking!

**School Library Journal:** “Rich full-color photos from around the world. An interesting way to take an armchair tour.”

**ALA Booklist:** “A simple rhyming text threads together the many colorful photos. Among the 31 images illustrated are the shoes of a baby in Italy, a Masai dancer in Kenya, and a toddler in Hong Kong.”

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**Title:** Liang and the Magic Paintbrush

**By:** Demi

**First Line: “**Long ago in China, a boy name Liang earned money gathering firewood and cutting reeds.”

**Vocabulary:** reeds, glared, beggar, phoenix, lanterns, merchants, crane, greedy, emperor, palace, seized, imprisoned, python, keeled

**Last Line:** “Others say that he roamed the earth painting for the poor wherever he went.

**Publishers Weekly:** “Demi’s telling matches her art in fantastic effects in her new book, a tale suggested by an ancient Chinese legend. Delicate shades of gold and blue contrast with fiery scarlets in surpassingly beautiful and authentic pictures showing strange happenings when a poor beggar boy, Liang, receives a magic paintbrush.”

**Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies:** “Beautiful full-color illustrations portray this ancient Chinese folktale in which Liang’s wit helps him thwart a greedy emperor’s plan.”

**School Library Journal:** “Will entice readers to look and look again.”

A Reading Rainbow Selection

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**Title:** The Enormous Turnip

**Author:** Alexei Tolstoy

**Illustrator:** Scott Goto

**First Line:** “Once upon a time, an old man planted a little turnip.”

**Vocabulary:** enormous

**Last Line:** “And up came the enormous turnip at last!”

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**Title:** Houses and Homes

**Author:** Ann Morris

**Photographs by:** Ken Heyman

**First Line:** “The world is full of houses…big houses little houses bright houses white houses houses that move and houses that stay in a row or all alone filled with families just right for one.”

**Last Line:** “Fill it with love and make it a home.”

**School Library Journal:** “A striking photographic survey.”

**ALA Booklist:** “Will attract armchair travelers of all ages.”

**Parents magazine:** “One of the best books of the year.”

**On the back:** “All over the world, people live in houses…There are big houses and little houses. Houses that stay in one place and houses that move from place to place. Some houses are made of wood or stone; others are made from mud or straw. Some are in Asia and some are in Europe. But all of them are made for families to live in.”

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**Title:** On the Go

**Author:** Ann Morris

**Photographs by:** Ken Heyman

**First Line:** “All over the world people move from place to place carrying babies on their backs, baskets over their shoulders, and almost anything on their heads.”

**Last Line:** “Maybe one day you will travel to the moon.”

**School Library Journal:** “Comprehensive and intriguing.”

**On the back:** “All over the world people are on the go. They travel on foot. They ride on horses, donkeys, and camels. They board trains, trolleys, and buses. The row boats, sail boats, and sometimes push their boats with poles. All over the world, people are running errands, visiting friends, working, playing, and just plain living. Join the fun!”

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**Title:** Caps for Sale – A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and Their Monkey Business

**Told & Illustrated by:** Esphyr Slobodkina

**First Line:** “Once there was a peddler who sold caps.”

**Last Line:** “Caps! Caps for sale! Fifty cents a cap!”

**Vocabulary:** peddler, ordinary, wares, checked, leaned, disturb

**Repeating Lines:** “Caps! Caps for sale. Fifty cents a cap.”

“You monkeys, you! You better give me back my caps!”

**Hyphenated Words:** tree-trunk

**The New York Times:** “From an old folk tale (the author) has fashioned this bright picture book, infusing it with a humor which seems to have sprung from her own hearty enjoyment of the troubles of a peddler with a band of monkeys.”

**On the back:** “Caps! Caps for sale! Fifty cents a cap!” calls the peddler, walking up and down the streets. He balances a huge stack of caps on his head – gray, brown, blue, and red – all piled on his own checked cap. One day he stops under a tree to take a nap. When he wakes up, the gray, brown, blue, and red caps have all disappeared! The only one left is his own checked cap. Where on earth can the others be?”

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**Title:** The Five Chinese Brothers

**By:** Claire Huchet Bishop and Kurt Wiese

**First Line:** “Once upon a time there were Five Chinese Brothers and they all looked exactly alike.”

**Last Line:** “And The Five Chinese Brothers and their mother all lived together happily for many years.”

**Recurring Lines:** “Your Honor, will you allow me to go and bid my mother good-bye?”

“It is only fair,” said the judge.

**Vocabulary:** indefinitely, consented, extraordinary, algae, desperate, gestures, condemned, execution

**Hyphenated Words:** good-bye, open-mouthed, round-eyed

**New York Public Library:** “A dramatic retelling of an old Chinese tale.”

**New York Herald Tribune Books:** “Mark this as indispensable for a storyteller’s repertoire…When Bishop makes the tall brother stretch, the sea-swallower work or the robust one hold his breath, young children will laugh and laugh.”

**Library Journal:** “A most ingenious tale.”

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**Title:** the Pied Piper’s Magic

**By:** Steven Kellogg

**First Line:** “One day long ago and far away, a small elf in search of work came upon a tumbledown house.”

**Last Line:** “It warmed Peterkin’s heart to see that the buildings now glowed from the cellars to the chimneys, and that the streets were filled with laughter and sunlight and music.”

**Hyphenated Words:** good-natured, pipe-playing, foul-smelling

**Vocabulary:** tumbledown, rags, patches, slumped, cottage, grumbled, retired, dreary, tidying, grateful, dismay, solitude, muttered, amazing, reed, companion, belched, chimneys, hovered, menacingly, scuttled, shoo, florins, wailed, dungeon, idly, gloomy, swarmed, forbidden, burst, gasped, shimmering, aroused, piper, scoffed, inciting, riot, miserable, bellowed, plummeted, balcony, leaped, obey, shrieking, swooped, transformed, heroic

**Words flipped backwards:** deer/r

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**Title:** The Village of Round and Square Houses

**By:** Ann Grifalconi

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**First Line:** “It was not until I was almost full-grown and left my village That I found our village was like no other.”

**Last Line:** “Til Naka speaks again!”

**Hyphenated:** full-grown, fou-fou, burned-out, ash-covered

**Geography:** Tos, Naka Mountain, Bameni Hills, Africa, Cameroons

**Vocabulary:** eldest, ancestor, squirm, yams, cassava root**,** groan, lava, grateful, spared, claim

**Onomatopoeia:** BOOM! BA-BOOM! BA-BOOM! (thunder)

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**Title:** How I Learned Geography

**By:** Uri Shulevitz

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**First Line:** “When war devastated the land, buildings crumbled to dust.”

**Last Line:** “He was right, after all.”

**Hyphenated Words:** empty-handed, strange-sounding

**Vocabulary:** camel dung, bazaar, approached, triumphantly, apologetically, bitterly, furious, meager, morsel, envied, savored, exotic, incantation, transported , temples, stone carvings, fruit groves, papayas, mangos, enchanted, misery

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**Title:** If the World Were a Village – A Book about the World’s People

**Written by:** David J. Smith

**Illustrated by:** Shelagh Armstrong

**First Line:** “Earth is a crowded place, and it is getting more crowded all the time.”

**Last Line:** “Their goal is a global village in which food, shelter and other necessities are basic rights for all.”

**Categories:** Welcome to the global village, Nationalities, Languages, Ages, Religions, Food, Air and water, School and work, Money and possessions, Energy, Health, The village, past, present, and future

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**Title:** Not One Damsel In Distress – World Folktales for Strong Girls

**Collected and told by:** Jane Yolen

**With illustrations by:** Susan Guevara

**Stories/Countries:**

* An Open Letter to My Daughter and Granddaughters
* Atalanta the Huntress (Greece)
* Nana Miriam (Niger)
* Fitcher’s Bird (Germany)
* The Girl and the Puma (Argentina)
* Li Chi Slays the Serpent (China)
* Brave Woman Counts Coup (United States/White River Sioux)
* Pretty Penny (United States/Ozark Mountains)
* Burd Janet (Scotland)
* Mizilca (Romania)
* The Pirate Princess (Poland/Jewish)
* The Samurai Maiden (Japan)
* Bradamante (France)
* Molly Whuppie (England)
* An Open Letter to Nana
* **Atalanta the Huntress** (Greece) *Hail Artemis, goddess of the hunt, patron of young women warriors*

**First Line:** “There was a king named Iasus, a cruel, unfeeling man who took his newborn daughter into the Calydonian forest on the far borders of his kingdom.”

**Last Line:** “They lived many happy years, always remembering to honor both Artemis and Aphrodite, who had brought them together.”

**Geography:** Greece, Calydonian forest

**Characters:** King Iasus, hunter and his wife, Atalanta, Artemis (goddess of the hunt), King Oeneus of Calydon, Prince Meleager, Castor and twin Polydeuces, Nestor, Ancaeus, Plexippus (Meleager’s uncle), Toxeus, Aphrodite (goddess of love), Hestia (goddess of hearth and home), Melanion

**Vocabulary:** canopy, wail, curious, familiar, snuffled, cooed, charmed, weaned, preserved, shrine, boar, trampled, slaughtered, feats, mounted, ivory quiver, congregating, boasting, snares, gorge, reeds, osier, sedge, bristles, spikes, tusks, thicket, vaulting pole, impenetrable, clamoring, groin, plunged, thwarted, abandoned, scoured, descending, dainty, serenading, lyre, harp, decreed, igniting

**Hyphenated Words:** eagle-eyed, red-eyed, country-people, spear-thrower, late-night, battle-axes

* **Nan Miriam** (Niger) *In a village where only men are warriors, the greatest warrior is a young woman*

**First Line:** “Once, in a small village by the great river Niger, there lived a man named Fara Maka and his daughter, Nana Miriam.”

**Last Line:** “And from that day to this, the minstrels and storytellers have sung and told about Nana Miriam, who showed all the power of a mere girl!”

**Similes:** “Now, Fara Maka was a tall man, tall as a tree.”

“He had arms as strong as tree limbs.”

 “Legs as thick as roots.”

“And each time, the spears were destroyed by the pots of fire, bursting into flame like shooting stars.”

**Vocabulary:** perch, tiger fish, acacia, doom palm trees, boasts, insatiable, gigantic, waddled, devoured, famine, gnashed, bayed, persuaded, juju bag, perspiration, preceded

**Hyphenated Words:** shape-shifter, two-hundred-pound

* **Fitcher’s Bird** (Germany) *In the face of real evil, the hero must use brains as well as brawn*

**First Line:** “In old Cologne, a city of stone houses and soft hearts, there lived a widower with three handsome daughters: Gretchen, Gretel, and Erna.”

**Last Line:** “As for Erna and her sisters and their father, they stayed on in Cologne, and the gold in the basket let them live together in comfort and happiness till the very end of their days.”

**Vocabulary:** dawn, dusk, wizard, beggar, entice, cloak, cloven hooves, quavering, dales, turrets, toggles, disguise, wickedness, tarnished, recompense, banquet, canopy, impelled, peer, prudence, forfeit, sly, mansion, preened, resplendent, plumed, hefted, idling, marvelous, abroad, barred, consumed

**Similes:** “Then she went upstairs to sleep in a bed with a canopy of silk that shimmered like the night and stars.”

**Hyphenated Words:** unimportant-looking, beggar-man

* **The Girl and the Puma** (Argentina) *There are many ways to be a hero – muscle and magic are not the only roads*

**First Line: “**Once, Long Ago – about four hundred years, to be exact – the great city of Buenos Aires was nothing more than a small Spanish settlement set in the heart of a wild and beautiful land.”

**Last Line:** “Only if you believe in kindness and in courage.”

**Vocabulary:** enslaved, raged, siege, colony, cannibalism, devouring, formidable, courageous, mutiny, protest, kilometers

* **Li Chi Slays the Serpent** (China) *Here is a maiden who will not be sacrificed!*

**First Line:** “Once, Long Ago, in a cleft in the northwest portion of the great Yung Mountains, there lived a giant serpent.”

**Last Line:** “And from that day to this – owing to the power and determination of one girl – the Yung Mountains have been fee of monster serpents.”

**Vocabulary:** serpent, cleft, dwelled, magistrate, devouring, mediums, charlatans, seers, succulent, consulted, reluctantly, authorities, momentarily, obscured, adder, timidity, ballad, appointed

**Hyphenated Words:** snake-hunting, serpent-hunting

* **Brave Woman Counts Coup** (United States/White River Sioux) *The Sioux believe this to be a true story, but it has many elements of a folktale*

**First Line:** “Now, Not all stories take place in the once-upon-a-time.”

**Last Line:** “So, Makhta won the honor and respect of her people, and she held to her promise, mourning Little Eagle till the day she died.”

**Vocabulary:** strutting, preening, coup, contempt, moccasins, warbonnet, lance, shield, war club, flanks, musket ball, rallied, fury, scaffold, mourning

**Hyphenated Words:** otter-fur, black-handled

* **Pretty Penny** (United States/Ozarks) *Sometimes a quick wit is faster than a pointed gun*

**First Line:** “Well, there was once a man named Old Jake who had a daughter named Penny – about sixteen years old, she was, and round and shiny as her name, with long dark plaits and a button nose.”

**Last Line:** “And a quick-thinking Penny can be the start of a vast fortune.”

**Vocabulary:** mortgage, plaits, bandanna, hoyden, saddlebags

**Hyphenated Words:** huppity-one, huppity-two, cloppity-clop, quick-thinking

* **Burd Janet** (Scotland) *Sometimes to be a hero means holding on; sometimes it means letting go*

**First Line:** “Once, on a weedy piece of land called Carterhaugh, there was a strange, forbidding castle.”

**Last Line (also a Simile):** “As happy and as even, it is said, as the bones of the herring on either side of the spine.”

**Vocabulary:** heeded, token, nanny, temperament, inheritance, tartan, kirtled, tumbledown, briars, wickedness, plucked, pierced, kilt, skean dhu, sporran, teind, moors, unseelie, captives, burrs, wilted, mantle, steeple, tolled, jangling, harnesses, bridled, stirrups, serpent, mirth, molten, heedless, seared, prowl

**Hyphenated Words:** red-gold, silver-handled

**Similes:** “She put on her birthday gown, green as young willow.”

“On its back was a man as fair as a prince.”

“The man on its back was as fair as a king.”

“Then the third horse came by – white as milk, white as snow, white as the froth on the top of a wave.”

“The queen turned to look at the sun creeping down the road like some unearthly beast on the prowl.”

* **Mizilea** (Romania) *Young women disguising themselves as men to go off to battle are popular in folk stories as well as in history*

**First Line:** “There was once in far-off Romania a good old knight who was skilled at sorcery, but alas, he was failing in health.”

**Last Line:** “Her father and all his company revered and respected Mizilca from that day forth.”

**Hyphenated Words:** far-off, two-sided, ivory-handled, good-bye

**Vocabulary:** sultan, thrive, dishonored, executed, confiscated, astride, forbade, dissuading, boar, gnashing, lance, swaybacked, flanks, fretted, embroidered, intricate, veils, armaments, ebony, hefted, kasha, trod, enraged, banished, revered

* **The Pirate Princess** (Poland/Jewish) *Sometimes a young woman has to make her own fate*

**First Line:** “Once, long ago, in two faraway kingdoms, there were two kings who were both childless.”

**Last Line:** “So, the princess and the prince married and reigned with mercy and justice till the day they died.”

**Vocabulary:** heir, remedies, sorcerer’s, turban, descendants, clasped, betrothal, proclaimed, pacts, vow, scholars, fate, physicians, unbeknownst, forfeit, dithered, dallied, delayed, servants, stroll, provisions, larder, pierced, swiftly, vantage, pledge, dense, foolhardy, encircled, smitten, lyre, prospective, wanderer, abandoned, telescope, fleet, harbor, escorted, plank, preamble, dowry, lavish, eagerly, hammocks, cupboards, gaily, moorings, hoisted, chamber, enraged, corsets, bodices, nestled, captors, proposed, wits, louts, hubbub, hullabaloo, vizier, bode, gawked, banished, mercy, justice

**Hyphenated Words:** hawk-faced, day-to-day, husband-to-be, bride-to-be, ladies-in-waiting, sea-lanes, princess-disguised-as-a-man, princess-in-disguise

* **The Samurai Maiden** (Japan) *Sacrifice or hero – this maiden has a choice*

**First Line:** “Once, long ago, in the island nation of Japan – which sits like a string of pearls stretched out along the ocean – a great samurai lord, Oribe Shima, was banished by the emperor for some small slight.”

**Last Line:** “And they dwelt happily together again for as long as they all lived.”

**Vocabulary:** samurai, banished, emperor, islets, humiliation, inherited, abandoned, bowed, grace, shrine, Buddha, anguished, precipice, rash, serpent, deliberation, exiled, pleaded, coils, dagger, aglitter, peered, grasping, deface, clenched, phosphorescence, agony, burden, wallowing, sash, towed, astonishment, lashings, defeated, feat, malady

* **Bradamante** (France) *A great medieval knight in shining armor – and she’s a woman!*

**First Line:** “Once, in the time of the great emperor Charlemagne, there was a vassal king Agramant, who had many brave knights.”

**Last Line:** “And if they did not live happily ever after, it was because they had many more adventures to come.”

**Vocabulary:** emperor, vassal, plume, shield, fierce, ceasing, departing, consent, bridle, sage, sorcerer, intercept, fleeing, ambush, uncasqued, tresses, deterred, ambushers, vassalage, ravines, ails, pale, demon, enchanter, fate, abide, mortal, despair, impregnable, feuding, lineage, surreptitiously, scout, sneer, cleft, cavern, damsel, ruffian, foliage, cushioned, stunned, loftier, alabaster, altar, preserving, enchanter, precipices, impenetrable, steed, hippogriff, talons, renders, torturous, hostelry, dwarf, tufted, wretch, acolyte, steed, summit, fatiguing, isolated, hewn, turrets, lance, fortress, perish, treasons, conspired, entreaties, vain, sloth

* **Molly Whuppie** (England) *Smart, forward, and brave – that’s the very definition of a hero*

**First Line:** “Once upon a time there were a man and a wife who had one-two-three-four-five – too many children, and they could not feed them all.”

**Last Line:** “That Molly Whuppie was a hero!”

**Vocabulary:** despair, spied, rapped, lassies, loft, gnaw, boosted

**Similes:** “His hands were like shovels.”

“His teeth like knives.”

“With a touch as light as feather down, she picked up his hand.”

**Recurring Lines:** “Oh, That Molly Whuppie was a smart girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was a forward girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was a brave girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was a clever girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was a sturdy girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was a daring girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was a courageous girl!”

“Oh, that Molly Whuppie was an amazing girl!”

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**Title: The Pied Piper of Hamelin**

**By:** Robert Browning

**Illustrations:** Kate Greenaway

**Vocabulary:** ditty, vermin, pity, vats, ladles, kegs, sprats, flocking, noddy, ermine, dolts, obese, remedy, quaked, consternation, guilder, paunch, mutinous, glutinous, swarthy, tuft, kith, kin, quaint, attire, newt, viper, cheque, straying, impatient, dangled, vesture, bewilders, astonished, brawny, tawny, plodders, friskers, plunged, perished, stout, commentary, tripe, gripe, ajar, psaltery, drysaltery, scarce, steeple, consult, trace, perked, guilders, havock, replenish, gipsy, trifling, scorpion, bate, stiver, ribald, enraptured, rustling, bustling, jostling, hustling, fowls, barley, flaxen, portal, cavern, hollowed, lame, bereft, hue, fallow, endeavour, decree, tabor, mirth, solemn, subterraneous, trepanned

**Hyphenated Words:** too-long-opened, pit-a-pat, council-table, old-fangled, vampire-bats, Rat-land, cider-press, pickle-tub, conserve-cupboards, train-oil-flasks, butter-casks, sugar-puncheon, market-place, bargain-driver, farm-yard, fruit-trees, honey-bees