

American Tall Tales



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The following titles are found in the Non-Fiction Section:

- J 398.2 Bal Balcziak, B. **Johnny Appleseed**
Presents the life story of John Chapman, whose distribution of apple seeds and trees across the Midwest made him a legend of tall tales and left a legacy still enjoyed today.
- J 398.2 Bal Balcziak, B **Paul Bunyan**
Presents the life story of the enormous lumberjack, Paul Bunyan, who along with his blue ox Babe, is said to have made the 10,000 lakes of Minnesota with his footsteps.
- J 398.2 Bla Blassingame, W. **Bowleg Bill Seagoing Cowboy**
Relates how Bowleg Bill, the cowboy, became a sailor.
- J 398.2 Bla Blassingame, W. **Pecos Bill and the Wonderful Clothesline Snake**
Pecos Bill and his wife Sluefoot Sue search for the right snake to be Sue's clothesline.
- J 398.2 Bri Brimner, L. **Calamity Jane**
The life story and adventures of a legendary America Frontiers woman Calamity Jane, whose real name was Martha Jane Canary.
- J 398.2 Car Carmer, E. **Tony Beaver Griddle Skater**
Tony Beaver, West Virginia woodsman and champion griddle skater of the Southern States, challenges his cousin Paul Bunyan to a griddle skating race.
- J 398.2 Coa Coatsworth, E. **Bob Bodden and the Good Ship Rover**
Bob Bodden sets sail as cabin boy on the Rover, a ship so long that it takes him nearly three voyages around the world to deliver a message from the captain to the second mate.
- J 398.2 Fel Felton, H. **Big Mose, Hero Fireman**
Big Mose, legendary fireman of New York, proves that flying a rooftop blown off a burning building is all in a day's work.
- J 398.2 Kel Kellogg, S. **Pecos Bill**
Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill, from his childhood among the coyotes to his unusual wedding day.

- J 398.2 Kel Kellogg, S. **Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett**
Davy Crockett's wife Sally, known to wear a beehive for a bonnet, and a bearskin for a dress, is confronted by bad Mike Fink, who has never been beaten in a fight.
- J 398.2 Kel Kellogg, S. **Mike Fink**
 Relates the extraordinary deeds of the frontiersman who became King of the Keelboatmen on the Mississippi River.
- J 398.2 Les Lester, J. **John Henry**
Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.
- J 398.2 May Mayer, M. **The Adventures of Tom Thumb**
A tiny boy has adventures in a cow's mouth, a fish's belly, and the stomach of a giant.
- J 398.2 Osb Osborne, M. **American Tall Tales**
A collection of tall tales about such American folk heroes as Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, Pecos Bill, John Henry, and Paul Bunyan.
- J 398.2 San SanSouci, R. **Cut From the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tall Tale**
A collection of twenty stories about legendary American women, drawing from folktales, popular stories, and ballads.
- J 398.2 Woo Wooldridge, C. **Wicked Jack**
A mean old blacksmith's actions leave him unwelcomed by both Saint Peter and the Devil when he dies.
- J 398.2 Yor York, C. **Sam Patch, The Big Time Jumper**
Relates the extraordinary feats of Sam Patch, the early nineteenth-century daredevil jumper, whose greatest achievement was jumping off Niagara Falls.
- J 811.52 Tha Thayer, E. **Casey at the Bat**
A narrative poem about a celebrated baseball player who strikes out at the crucial moment of a game.

The following titles are found in the Picture Book Section:

- Bertrand, L. **Granite Baby**
Five talented New Hampshire sisters try to care for a baby that one of them has carved out of granite.
- Calhoun, M. **Jack and the Whoopee Wind**
Mad at the wind for blowing everything away, Jack tries a succession of ways to stop it.
- Isaacs, A. **Swamp Angel**
Along with other amazing feats, Angelica Longrider, also known as Swamp Angel, wrestles a huge bear, known as Thundering Tarnation, to save the winter supplies of the settlers in Tennessee.
- Kimmel, E. **The Great Texas Hamster Drive**
When Pecos Bill's daughter gets two pet hamsters, they soon multiply into the hundreds, so Bill decides to take them all to Chicago where lots of boys and girls want pet hamsters.
- Nolen, R. **Thunder Rose**
Unusual from the day she is born, Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, including building fences, taming a stampeding herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado.
- Osborne, M. **New York's Bravest**
Tells of the heroic deeds of the legendary New York firefighter, Mose Humphreys.
- Williams, S. **Library Lil**
A formidable librarian makes readers not only out of the once resistant residents of her small town, but out of a tough-talking, television-watching motorcycle gang as well.
- Wood, A. **The Bunyans**
Paul Bunyan and his family do some ordinary things which result in the formation of Niagara Falls, Bryce Canyon, and other natural monuments.