

Cumulative Tales



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The following titles are in the Picture Book Section

Arnold, M. Roar of a Snore

Jack wakes up the family and animals one by one to determine the source of a deafening snore.

Aylesworth, J. The Gingerbread Man

A freshly baked gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers until he meets a clever fox.

Bell, B. The Bridge is Up!

A traffic jam is created when everyone has to wait for the bridge to come down.

Bowen, A. I Know an Old Teacher

A teacher inadvertently swallows a flea, then follows it with an assortment of classroom pets while her students look on in surprise.

Burningham, J. Mr. Gumpy's Outing

Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.

Clarke, J. Stuck in the Mud

A little chick needs help from all his farmyard friends to get out of the mud.

Crummel, S. All in One Hour

A cat runs after a mouse in the middle of the night, giving rise to a more complicated chase.

Downing, J. There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Bugs

In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a tasty slug, a poached roach, and a squirmy worm are part of the feast for a rather unusual old lady.

Emmett, J. Through the Heart of the Jungle
A rhyme in which a fly is gobbled by a spider, which is then gulped by a frog, and so on until the king of beasts himself makes an appearance.

Edwards, P. Jack and Jill's Treehouse
A tale about Jack, a boy who builds a treehouse as a group of birds and animals makes their own home in the same tree.

Emberley, R. There Was an Old Monster
A monster swallows ants, a lizard, a bat, and other creatures to try to cure a stomach ache that began when he swallowed a tick.

Ernest, L. This is the Van that Dad Cleaned
The children undo all of Dad's hard work cleaning the family car.

Fox, M. Hattie and the Fox
Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals.

Harley, B. Sitting Down to Eat
A young boy agrees to share his snack with an ever-growing menagerie of animals, each insisting that there is room for one more.

Kalan, R. Jump Frog Jump
A frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.

Long, K. The Runaway Shopping Cart
When the shopping cart Kaleb is sitting in rolls out of the parking lot and into the street, he has a wonderful time zipping through town, chased by increasing numbers of characters.

**Rose, D. The Twelve Days of Springtime:
a School Counting Book**
In cumulative counting verses, a teacher gives spring-related gifts to the children in her kindergarten class.

Scieszka, J. The Book that Jack Wrote
When Jack writes a variation of the nursery rhyme the outcome is hilarious.

**Taback, S. There Was an Old Lady Who
Swallowed a Fly**
In a traditional nonsense poem, an old woman swallows a fly, a spider, a bird, a cat, a dog, and a horse.

**Williams, L. The Little Old Lady Who Was
Not Afraid of Anything**
A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.

Whitte, A. The Parrot Tico Tango
A greedy parrot keeps taking fruit from the other creatures of the rainforest until he can hold no more.

Wood, A. The Napping House
A wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

Ziefert, H. Oh, What a Noisy Farm
All the farm animals in this story get into the act when the bull starts chasing the cow around the pasture.