

A Story Teller Facebook Group Publication

# STORY Teller

COMPLETE  
STORY  
LISTING AND  
SYNOPSIS  
FOR THE FIRST  
SERIES



The fascinating world of children's stories, with its adventure, fantasy and humour, is an important part of growing up. Every child needs to discover the delights of traditional tales like *The Sleeping Beauty* and *Sinbad*, explore the exciting myths and legends of other lands, and enter the imaginative realm that so many writers have created for them over the years.

Story Teller will bring these stories to your children in a new way by combining the values of a book with the excitement of a sound recording. Each issue contains a rich mixture of classical and original stories, with specially commissioned illustrations from some of the best artists working in children's books today. And all the characters come to life with the voices of well-known actors and actresses who bring their own style to the recordings.

Whether your children are old enough to read and learn from the book, or simply ready to listen and follow the pictures, Story Teller will provide a wonderful and lasting collection for all to enjoy.

# PART 1

## The Story Teller Serial

### **Gobbolino, the Witch's Cat (Part 1)**

Poor Gobbolino – he did so want to be a kitchen cat, curled up peacefully by the fire or playing happily with the children. But it's no easy matter when you're born a witch's kitten, and trouble seems to follow you everywhere you go. Gobbolino is the best-loved of Ursula Moray Williams' charming stories and his adventures, adapted for Story Teller, are told in four instalments by Sheila Hancock, with illustrations by Francis Philipps.

## Famous Fables

### **The Hare and the Tortoise**

First written in the sixth century as lessons in life for the people of Athens, Aesop's classic tales are still enjoyed by young and old alike for their strong storyline and simple moral. The fable in each issue of Story Teller will be illustrated by Malcolm Livingstone.

## Tales of Today

### **The Shoe Tree**

Penny Ayers was following the local Cornish custom of burying an old boot under the rhubarb when the idea came to her for a story. The result is the first in a unique collection of modern adventures written by top contemporary authors. The illustrator is Kevin Maddison.

## Classic Fairy Stories

### **The Emperor's New Clothes**

The story of the vain Emperor and his invisible suit of clothes is one of Hans Christian Andersen's best-loved stories. Vividly retold for Story Teller by Geraldine Jones, its many characters are brought to life in the inimitable style of Bernard Cribbins and by illustrator Anna Dzierzek.

## The Magic World of Animals

### **The Red Nightcaps**

The monkey's habit of copying what he sees is at the heart of this amusing tale. The illustrator is Gillian Chapman who, like other Story Teller artists, has achieved considerable success with children's books.

## Cartoon Heroes

### **Aldo in Arcadia (Part 1)**

The adventures of Aldo and his flying vacuum cleaner, the creation of writer John Sheridan and illustrator Malcolm Livingstone, will appear in the first three issues of Story Teller.

## Folk Tales of the World

### **The Forest Troll**

This exciting story of a cowardly troll, fooled by a young boy with a lump of cheese, originated in Scandinavia. Illustrated by Peter Richardson, it is retold by Eliot Humberstone.

# **PART 2**

Classic Fairy Stories

**The Elves and the Shoemaker**

Grimms' story of the shoemaker whose careful work is almost his undoing – until six naked elves came to his rescue.

Folk Tales of the World

**Master Tiger**

Paris writer Beatrice Tanaka has adapted this Vietnamese story to show how the tiger got his stripes.

Cartoon Heroes

**Aldo in Arcadia (Part 2)**

Aldo and Uncle Emo visit the Man in the Moon on their flying vacuum cleaner and save the shooting stars.

Tales of Today

**The Last Slice of Rainbow**

Jason is a boy who can see the wind and remember any tune. These remarkable powers lead to a very special day!

The Story Teller Serial

**Gobbolino, the Ship's Cat**

The witch's kitten enters the world of cat shows and finds adventure on the high seas as he continues his search for a home.

Famous Fables

**The Greedy Fox**

Aesop's story shows the awful consequences of over-eating!

Great Myths and Legends

**Sinbad and the Valley of Diamonds**

Sinbad encounters the giant Roc – the most fearsome of mythical birds – in this thrill-a-minute story from the Arabian Nights.

Rhymes and Verse

**Bring on the Clowns!**

Written by American poet Jack Prelusky, "Clowns" is taken from his book *Circus* published by Hamish Hamilton.

# PART 3

Folk Tales of the World

## **The Great Big Hairy Boggart**

This story is set in Ireland and tells how a bad-tempered, stupid boggart is outwitted by a farmer and his wife.

Rhymes and Verse

## **The Owl and the Pussycat**

No collection of children's verse would be complete without Edward Lear's nonsense ballad.

The Story Teller Serial

## **Gobbolino the Knight's Cat**

The homeless witch's kitten finds contentment with Lady Alice ... but can it last?

Famous Fables

## **The Lion and the Mouse**

Everyone has their uses – so never underestimate anybody. That's the moral behind this story from Aesop's Fables.

Tales of Today

## **Simon's Canal**

Hazel Townson's charming story traces Simon's

acquaintance with the Canal right up to his Granny's showdown with the "fearsome beast".

Classic Fairy Stories

## **Hansel and Gretel**

This well-known story of two children abandoned in the forest and triumphing over a witch is based on the text by the Brothers Grimm.

Cartoon Heroes

## **Aldo in Arcadia (Part 3)**

A summons from the King lands Aldo and his vacuum in jail!

Great Myths and Legends

## **Child of the Sun**

Many legends are attempts to explain the wonders of nature in human terms. This Red Indian tale tells of the passing seasons.

# PART 4

**Great Myths and Legends**  
**Narana's Strange Journey**  
From the wastes of Lapland comes the story of a huge giant and the woman who "climbed" him.

**Rhymes and Verse**  
**Rhubarb Ted**  
Nonsense fun from the vegetable patch with Anne O'Connor's poem.

**The Story Teller Serial**  
**Gobbolino the Kitchen Cat**  
In the final episode, the witch's kitten meets up with several old friends – and finds a happy home at last!

**Folk Tales of the World**  
**Noisy Neighbours**  
Difficult neighbours are nothing new. To prove it, we've brought this ancient Chinese joke up to date.

**Cartoon Heroes**  
**Jester Minute (Part 1)**  
Jester is sick of being laughed at. So when Badweb captures

the White Queen, he decides to show the other toys he's a real hero ...

**Classic Fairy Stories**  
**The Princess and the Pea**  
The prince has searched in vain for a real princess the world over – then finds one on his own doorstep in this light-hearted Hans Andersen story.

**Famous Fables**  
**The Ant and the Grasshopper**  
Jane Edmonds retells the salutary story of the lazy grasshopper and the industrious ant.

**Tales of Today**  
**Santa's Early Christmas**  
Christmas is losing its sparkle for Santa. Why can't people have it at a warmer time of year? Specially written for Story Teller by Geraldine McCaughrean, this is the hilarious story of what happens when Santa takes matters into his own hands.



## PART 5

The Story Teller Serial

### **Timbertwig (Part 1)**

Timbertwig lives in Wiggly Wood with his Granny Knot and best friend Abigail. But not everyone in the wood is as cheerful as Timbertwig.

Written and illustrated by Peet Ellison.

Famous Fables

### **The Fox and the Crow**

The wily fox proves that flattery gets you anything – from someone as vain as the crow. Aesop’s story is retold by Jane Edmonds.

Tales of Today

### **Drummerboy and the Gypsy**

The story of a boy’s love for a stray pony and the friendship they form because of the thrilling adventure they share.

An adapted excerpt from “Applegate” by Fiona Citroen, published by Nelson’s Young World.

Classic Fairy Stories

### **Rapunzel**

Grimms’ famous tale of the girl with long flaxen hair imprisoned in a tall tower by a wicked witch.

The Magical World of Animals

### **Virgil’s Big Mistake**

Taken from an ancient Chinese anecdote and transported to the Wild West, this tells how a mean old hunter finally gets his comeuppance from a bear.

Cartoon Heroes

### **Jester Minute (Part 2)**

The timid court jester risks life and limb in the final confrontation with Badweb in the second part of Peter Wingham’s story.

Rhymes and Verse

### **O Here it is**

A piece of nonsense from the pen of Mervyn Peake.

# PART 6

Classic Fairy Stories

## **Beauty and the Beast**

This story of the lonely monster and his lovely captive has caught the imagination of writers, artists and children since it was first written by Mme de Villeneuve. Retold by Jill Murphy.

Cartoon Heroes

## **Dodo and the Pot of Gold**

Dodo's enormous appetite gets him into trouble with a robber. Created by Malcolm Carrick.

The Story Teller Serial

## **Timbertwig and the Caravan of Surprises (Part 2)**

When Granny Knot gets a cold, Timbertwig has to do the shopping. But that's fun when the local shop is run by Mr Misfit.

Tales of Today

## **The Flying Piggy-Bank**

If your piggy bank has eaten all your money, it's time for a

trip to the Royal Mint to pick some more. And who better to fly you there and collect it than the pig himself?

Rhymes and Verse

## **The Land of the Bumble Boo**

So hurry, let's run  
The train leaves at one  
... for Spike Milligan's  
magical, zany world of poetry.

The Magical World of Animals

## **The Moon and the Millpond**

Naughty Brer Rabbit brings his own brand of mischief to the Deep South when he decides that things are just too peaceful and plans a fishing trip with a difference.

Folk Tales of the World

## **The Friendly Bear**

Otto's white bear is intended as a present for the King of Denmark. But when greedy trolls threaten to spoil Christmas, a friendly bear can come in very useful indeed ...

# PART 7

## The Magic World of Animals **The Billy Goats Gruff**

One by one, the goats set off for the summer pastures. But a hungry troll is lying in wait as they clatter across the one and only bridge. Artist Malcolm Livingstone brings his inimitable style of illustration to this favourite story.

## Classic Fairy Stories **The Snow Queen**

Carol Watson retells Hans Andersen's story of the little boy whose heart is frozen by the Queen of Winter. Only the warmth of little Gerda's love can rescue him from slavery.

## Cartoon Heroes **A Pocketful of Trouble**

Wilfred steals a magnet – and attracts all kinds of trouble. Kim Whybrow illustrates this cautionary tale written specially for Story Teller by Geraldine McCaughrean.

## Tales of Today **Spook of Spook Hall**

How can a young ghost

frighten anyone if he can't even scream? Eric Maple and Francis Philipps combine to tell the story of Little Spook's first triumph.

## Folk Tales of the World **The Silly Tortoise**

This black joke is told all over the world – about the tortoise who should have kept his mouth shut!

## The Story Teller Serial **Timbertwig Gets a New Hat (Part 3)**

In this last adventure by Peet Ellison, Timbertwig goes in search of a new home for Abigail after Granny Knot burns his hat. [Webmaster's note: Timbertwig made a comeback in Parts 22 and Part 23 and in Christmas Story Teller 1.]

## Rhymes and Verse **Faster than Fairies**

For a hundred years, Robert Louis Stevenson's poem has continued to capture the sights and magic of a train journey.

# PART 8

## The Story Teller Serial **Dot and the Kangaroo (Part 1: Dot Loses her Way)**

A kangaroo offers its help when Dot loses her way in the bush. This is the first of three exciting instalments adapted from Ethel C. Pedley's classic Australian tale.

## Rhymes and Verse **Oliphaunt**

Perhaps the best-known poem from J.R.R. Tolkien, author of The Lord of the Rings. Taken from The Adventures of Tom Bombadil, published by George Allen & Unwin.

## Famous Fables **The Goose that laid the Golden Egg**

The folly of greed is the moral behind this story from Aesop – one which left its mark as one of our most common expressions.

## Classic Fairy Stories **The Selfish Giant**

In one of the most moving of Oscar Wilde's fairy stories, the

heart of a selfish giant is melted by the sight of a small, helpless child.

## Cartoon Heroes **Jester Minute and the Vanishing Castle (Part 1)**

It's up, up and away for the little court jester as Peter Wingham takes our hero out into the garden in search of his missing home.

## Great Myths and Legends **The Creation of Man**

Man was made by Cayote, the desert dog – according to this delightful Red Indian tale, retold by Eliot Humberstone.

## Tales of Today **Boffy and the Teacher Eater**

When a teacher upsets his little friend, Boffy the child genius invents a special machine to gobble up all the teachers at school!

# PART 9

## **Folk Takes of the World Abdulla and the Genie**

This much-travelled story, found among the Arabian Nights tales, has both suspense and humour. A poor fisherman nets more than he bargains for, but quick thinking and a sense of humour comes to his rescue.

## **The Story Teller Serial Dot and the Kangaroo (Part 2: Dot and the Hunters)**

Lost in the outback, Dot is being well looked after by the kind Kangaroo. But Kangaroo herself is in constant danger – from Man. Writing in the last century, Ethel C. Pedley was clearly a pioneer of wildlife conservation.

## **Cartoon Heroes Jester and the Vanishing Castle (Part 2)**

Jester Minute unravels the mystery of the disappearing castle in this exciting second episode.

## **Famous Fables**

### **The Boy who cried Wolf**

A foolish boy tells one too many lies in Aesop's classic tale.

## **Tales of Today**

### **Neville Toogood**

A little angel, that's Neville. Then one day something happens to "transform" him. This zany story, written by Geraldine McCoughrean, is fittingly illustrated by Terry Burton.

## **Classic Fairy Stories**

### **The Pied Piper**

In 1284 the German town of Hamelin was overrun by rats, then "lost" all its children to the rat-catcher. And an isolated community in Transylvania still claims that its ancestors came as children from a distant land, led by a piper. Could this darkly compelling story, preserved over hundreds of years, be based on actual facts?

# PART 10

Classics for Children

## **Gulliver's Travels (Part 1)**

The first of two episodes adapted from Jonathan Swift's 18th century classic about a "giant" shipwrecked and marooned on the shores of a strange and mysterious land.

The Story Teller Serial

## **Dot and the Kangaroo**

(Part 3: Dot Finds her way Home)

With the help of her friends in the bush, Dot is finally reunited with her parents. But not until she has stood trial in the Court of Animals.

Cartoon Heroes

## **Mike's Bike (Part 1)**

Mike has dreamed of owning a Spaceblazer. Then one day his daydreams roar into life ... Nicholas Fisk brings a new hero to the pages of Story Teller.

Classic Fairy Stories

## **The Three Wishes**

What would you ask for if the fairies offered you three

wishes? Wealth? Power?

Beauty? One elderly couple find the offer a mixed blessing.

Great Myths and Legends

## **David and Goliath**

The Old Testament story of a poor shepherd boy who fought the best soldier in the Philistine army in order to save the Israelites from slavery.

Folk Tales of the World

## **The Enchanted Horse**

Out of the pages of the Arabian Nights gallops a Persian prince on a mechanical horse. To capture the essence of this Middle Eastern romance, Mark Capeland illustrates it in traditional style.

Rhymes and Verse

## **Mr Tom Narrow**

What kind of a man would sell his granny? James Reeves writes of just such a villain in a poem taken from The Wandering Moon (publisher William Heinemann Ltd.).

# PART 11

Classics for Children

## **Gulliver's Travels (Part 2)**

Jonathan Swift's low opinion of politicians and their petty squabbling comes across in this concluding episode of Gulliver's adventures in the miniature country of Lilliput.

## **The Story Teller Serial Pinnocchio (Part 1)**

The first chapter of an ambitious new telling of the Italian classic. In preparing it, John Ford has returned to Carlo Collodi's original book, since much of the story's action and flavour has been lost by animators and adaptors. Storry Teller's Pinnocchio has been drawn in traditional style by Francis Phillipps – and even the puppet's name is pronounced on the tape the Italian way.

Famous Fables

## **The Dog and the Bone**

Greed and envy are lampooned in this simple story by Aesop.

Classic Fairy Stories  
**Sleeping Beauty**

Charles Perrault was the first to publish a written version of this famous tale in his *Histoires au contes du temps passe*, in 1697 – and it still retains its original magic after all this time.

## **Rhymes and Verse Walter Spaggot**

A madcap poem by Hong Kong-based children's author Peter Wesley-Smith. (Reprinted from Peter Wesley-Smith's *The Ombley-Gombley*, with the permission of Angus & Robertson [UK] Ltd.)

## **The Magical World of Animals Growling at Tigers**

Donald Bisset has entertained children worldwide with his stories, both as a writer and a teller. (From Donald Bisset's *Talks with a Tiger*, published by Methuen Children's Books.)

Cartoon Heroes

## **Mike's Bike (Part 2)**

Where will Mike's rocket-powered dream machine carry him?

# PART 12

## Folk Tales of the World **The Mighty Prince**

A traditional Japanese tale of a prince who learns to look at life in a new way.

## Cartoon Heroes **Ford's Toy Cars (Part 1)**

Aided and abetted by Richard Widdows, Malcolm Livingstone has created a whole new gang of characters – most of them on four wheels!

## Tales of Today **Drummerboy Races for his Life**

Billy's gypsy camp is threatened with closure. But the pony Drummerboy faces a worse fate at Applegate Stables! This sequel to the story in Part 5 is based on characters invented by Fiona Citroen for Thomas Nelson & Sons.

## The Magic World of Animals **First Flight**

Pictures accurate in every detail accompany this story by

Liam O'Flaherty about a fledgling gull. It is reproduced by kind permission of A. D. Peters & Co. Ltd.

## Famous Fables **The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse**

The grass is always greener in the next field, according to this traditional fable. So what promise the town holds for an innocent country mouse?

## The Story Teller Serial **Pinnocchio** (Part 2: the Puppet Theatre)

The naughty puppet, who tries desperately to be good sets out for school with the right intentions – but the attraction of the theatre proves too great to resist.

## Classic Fairy Stories **The Gingerbread Man**

This story, its chants popular with young children, originated in America

# PART 13

Classic Fairy Stories

## **The Tinder-Box**

Hans Christian Andersen's story of a poor soldier who "strikes lucky". Originally published in Denmark, it is a version of Aladdin and his Magic Lamp from The Thousand and One Nights.

Comic Heroes

## **Ford's Toy Cars (Part 2)**

Ford goes to the rescue of his four-wheeled friends – but in the end it's Ford who needs to be rescued.

Folk Tales of the World

## **Warrior Girl**

Tombi fools the warriors and ends a sad chapter in the life of her tribe. This original story, set in the African veldt, is both written and illustrated by Tessa Paul.

The Story Teller Serial

## **Pinnocchio**

### **(Part 3: the Field of Miracles)**

The mischievous wooden puppet wants to see his money grow – so he plants it in the ground! But the Fox and the Cat are waiting close by to take advantage ...

Tales of Today

## **Three Bald Spots**

A haircut at the hands of your mother can be the unkindest cut of all. Joanne R. Butler's understanding and amusing story first appeared in Cricket magazine.

The Magic World of Animals

## **The Ugly Duckling**

Life's tough for a baby duck who isn't pretty for fluffy or small. But the ugly duckling does find a happy ending.

# PART 14

**Great Myths and Legends**  
**The Monster in the Labyrinth**  
Daedalos of Crete built an underground maze to house a bull-like monster. And an ancient Cretan civilisation built a conduit with over 1000 turnings. Together these may well have given rise to the Minotaur myth.

**Famous Fables**  
**Who's Stronger?**  
Aesop's story of a battle between wind and sun.

**The Story Teller Serial**  
**Pinnocchio**  
(Part 4: the Great Search)  
Released from prison, the lonely puppet leads a dog's life, and finds that all the loves is lost.

**Rhymes and Verse**  
**The Old Man of Torbay**  
The anonymous exploits of an English eccentric.

**Folk Tales of the World**  
**Scarlet Braces**  
Young Pat thinks his luck has turned when he catches a

lucorpan – that's Gaelic for "little-bodied one" – a leprechaun to you or me.

**Comic Heroes**  
**Grogre the Ogre (Part 1)**  
You may already know that ogres come in a variety of colours. But did you know that such colours denote wisdom, goodness, stupidity ...? Peter Dennis draws this original story by Kevin Carias of one young ogre whose aim it is to become a Golden Ogre!

**Classic Fairy Stories**  
**Cinderella**  
In the Middle East a diamond anklet replaced the glass slipper. In England large elements of the story turn up in Cap o'Rushes. Even the North American Indians have their own version. But to most little girls, it is simply the best fairy story of all.

# PART 15

## Great Myths and Legends

### Pandora's Box

After Man steals fire from Heaven, the gods seek revenge. They put everything evil into a jar and entrust it to the unwitting Epimetheus. It is here that we take up the story of Pandora. When the Greeks first told this myth, it was Pandora's husband who opened the jar. it is interesting to see how blame has since been shifted on to the woman!

## Rhymes and Verse

### A Fishy Tale

Christina Rossetti muses on what is and isn't so in Nature, but comes to a not very serious conclusion.

## The Story Teller Serial

### Pinochio

#### (Part 5: the Fairy's Promise)

The kind Fairy gives Pinochio more reasons than ever to behave himself, and his own kindness to a police dog saves him from a terrible fate.

## Comic Heroes

### Grogre the Ogre (Part 2)

The courageous Grogre sets out to slay the Slime Monster. But first he has to find it!

## Folk Tales of the World

### The Parasol

The story of a little girl's parasol unfolds in the shape of a Japanese screen, painted by the author.

## Tales of Today

### The Flying Jacket

Little does Professor Popoff know it, but the elves have had a hand in making his new jacket! Betty Willsher's story first appeared in an anthology of the same name published by Blackie.

## Classic Fairy Stories

### The Three Little Pigs

This version, shortened from Charles Perrault's original, preserves all the elements which have made the story popular for generations.

# PART 16

Tales of Today

## **Sam's Big Break**

Written specially for Story Teller, Tessa Paul's story will strike a chord with any child who has ever wanted to be bigger, braver, more like the leader of the gang.

Folk Tales of the World

## **The Mango-Seller**

A story from the Buddhist Jataka commending forgiveness and humanity.

The Magical World of Animals

## **Hen-Hustler Kluk**

On Eric Maple's fantasy "animal farm", chaos and anarchy seem to work. But it's all very different when there is a change of management ...

Classic Fairy Stories

## **Puss in Boots**

When, in 1585, Puss was translated for the first time into

French, its Italian original had been in print for 32 years. Its heroes, Constantino Fortunato and his Cunning Cat, were created by Gianfrancesco Straparola. Charles Perrault's Chat Botte did not appear until 1697. The story arose independently in Scandinavia.

Comic Heroes

## **Grogre the Ogre (Part 3)**

In this third episode of Kevin Carias' story, Grogre's bravery finally wins the day.

The Story Teller Serial

## **Pinochio**

### **(Part 6: Journey into Playland)**

Just one day away from becoming a real boy, Pinochio is tempted astray by the lure of Playland. But life there is blissful: what snag can there be to a land where there is nothing to do but play?

# PART 17

## Great Myths and Legends **William Tell**

This story of Switzerland's most famous hero dates from the struggle of simple, working people to break Austria's rule in 13th century.

Rhymes and Verse  
**I Saw a Ship a-Sailing**  
Anonymous nautical nonsense.

The Story Teller Serial  
**Pinochio**  
(Part 7: Home and Dry)  
Pinochio's encounter with the Shark is almost as famous as Jonah's with the Whale! Carlo Collodi maintains the suspense right up to the last page.

The Magic World of Animals  
**Anansi and the Fancy Dress Party**  
Central to the folk-lore and story-telling of the West Indies is Anansi. Depicted sometimes as a spiderlike man, sometimes as a spider with a man's face, his

mischievous and cunning have much in common with Brer Rabbit, from the southern states of the USA.

Comic Heroes  
**Jojo's Jigsaw Puzzle**  
The search of Peter Wingham's new heroine and her dog takes them to the moon.

Classic Fairy Stories  
**Can You Keep a Secret?**  
This story is reproduced by kind permission of Barbara Ker Wilson, who has been compiling collections of short stories for children for thirty years. Here she tells a tale of her own invention about three sisters who can marry a prince – provided they keep his secrets.

Famous Fables  
**The Lion and the Peacock**  
An Indian fable in which a know-all peacock crows once too often.

# PART 18

## **The Story Teller Serial Heidi (Part 1)**

For over a hundred years, Johanna Spyri's story of a little Swiss girl has captured the imaginations of countless children. In this episode, the first of four parts specially abridged for Story Teller, Heidi goes to live with her grandfather in his lonely mountain chalet.

## **Rhymes and Verse Father William**

Lewis Carroll's hilarious interview between father and son.

## **Great Myths and Legends George and the Dragon**

The story of George, patron saint of England, is a mixture of fact and fiction. He was a Christian martyr who was beheaded by the Emperor Diocletian on 23 April 303 AD. The story of George and the Dragon is a simple allegory expressing the triumph of Good over Evil.

## **Classic Fairy Stories The Frog Prince**

Long before this well-loved tale appeared in Grimms' collection of fairy stories, its theme was a familiar one in medieval folklore: how a kiss could release someone from a curse placed on them.

## **Comic Heroes Bubble and Squeek**

From Peet Ellison, the creator of Timbertwig, comes an undersea adventure of two starfish who go to the annual fair with the help of a rhyming tortoise.

## **Tales of Today No Mules**

A comical story set in South Africa by writer and painter William Papas. Papas, who lives in Greece, produced special illustrations for this presentation of his story which was first published by Oxford University Press.

# PART 19

## Classic Fairy Stories

### **Jack and the Beanstalk**

In 1807 two “first” versions of “Jack” raced each other into print. But the folk tale on which they were based had already been told for a hundred years!

## Folk Tales of the World

### **Why the Giraffe Can’t Speak**

When African children were asked by UNICEF to recount stories heard at home in their village, a child from one tribe told this.

## Great Myths and Legends

### **Sinbad and the Amazing Islands**

From the seven voyages described in the Arabian Night Entertainments comes another fascinating if unlikely adventure with our hero.

## Comic Heroes

### **The Book of Beasts (Part 1)**

E. Nesbit, author of such books as *The Railway Children* and *The*

*Wouldbegoods*, was also a

masterly writer of short stories.

This is an adaptation of a story last published by Puffin in a collection entitled *The Last of the Dragons*.

## Rhymes and Verse

### **Car Attack**

This poem, by Australian Doug McLeod, was first published by Kestrel Books (1981), then by Australian Picture Puffins (1982).

## The Story Teller Serial

### **Heidi (Part 2: At Home with Grandfather)**

It’s a lonely life high in the Alps. But nobody can be lonely for long when Heidi’s around!

## Tales of Today

### **Hedge’s Problem Tree**

Bill Horwood, author of the beset-selling children’s novel *Duncton Wood*, wrote this specially for *Story Teller*.

# PART 20

## Classic Fairy Stories

### **Rumpelstiltskin**

The Brothers Grimm created their version of the Rumpelstiltskin story from four regional variations told in Germany.

Dozens of other versions existed throughout Europe, with the dwarf known variously as Trit-a-Trot, Whuppity Stoorie, Ricdin-Ricdon and Tom Tit Tom.

## The Story Teller Serial

### **Heidi (Part 3: Life in the City)**

Her new friend Clara seems very much better for Heidi's company – but then Heidi succumbs to a strange illness herself.

## Folk Tales of the World

### **The Green Maiden of the Lake**

Beryl Maude-Jones tells how one Welsh community accounts for the sturdy characteristics of the black Welsh cattle. The author is an enthusiastic collector of folk tales and highly accomplished at

adapting them to be enjoyed by children.

## Comic Heroes

### **The Book of Beasts (Part 2)**

In his struggle to recapture the fiery dragon – now spreading terror amongst his subjects – King Leo enlists the help of another fantastic animal from The Book of Beasts.

## Rhymes and Verse

### **It Makes a Change**

Mervyn Peake's revelation about the nocturnal habits of whales is from A Book of Nonsense, by Mervyn Peake, published by Peter Owen Ltd.

## The Magic World of Animals

### **Lutra the Otter**

This enthralling tale about a day in the life of a young female cub was written specially for Story Teller by Jane Edmonds, and draws on recent observations on otters in the wild.

# PART 21

## Classic Fairy Stories

### **The Bold Little Tailor**

From the folk tale collection of the Grimm Brothers comes the story of a hero who always lived up to his boasts.

## Famous Fables

### **The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing**

Another Aesop story of rough justice in the animal world describes how a biter was bitten.

## Folk Tales of the World

### **Wiser than the Czar**

Dating from the time when the Serbs of Yugoslavia were under Russian rule, this story of a Serbian girl who stands up to her sovereign shows the triumph of good peasant wisdom.

## Comic Heroes

### **Bobbie and the Magic Go-Kart**

Elizabeth Ernest lives and writes in the romantic setting of an abandoned railway station. On the common nearby, her sons

Craig and Lee drove their go-kart summer and winter until they quite outgrew it. From their four-wheeled adventures sprang the idea for a story. Artist Peter Western brings it to life.

## The Story Teller Serial

### **Heidi (Part 4: Together in the Mountains)**

In the final episode of this classic adaptation, Heidi is overjoyed to be back with Uncle Alp. But Peter's strange behaviour when a very special visitor arrives puts her happiness at risk – until the Swiss mountains work their own unique magic.

## The Magical World of Animals

### **The Mighty Rabbit**

The Fan tribe of Africa still tell this tale today to explain why the elephant goes about rooting up trees with its trunk and why the hippopotamus spends all day standing in the river.

# PART 22

## Cartoon Heroes

### Waldorf's Fantastic Trip (Part 1)

Tony King is a Geordie fireman. But when he comes off watch and sits down at his easel, he is also one of the brightest new cartoonists around. He invited Waldorf the mouse specially for Story Teller.

## Great Myths and Legends

### The Midas Touch

When greedy Midas asks a favour of the gods, he gets more – and less – than he bargained for. Midas was a documented figure in Greek history who somehow became a figure of fun. In some myths, the King even grows long asses' ears.

## Tales of Today

### A Meal with a Magician

Mr Leakey is now an established star of children's fiction. Here is an adaptation of the very first story from J.B.S. Haldane's book, *My Friend Mr Leakey*, published by the Hutchinson Publishing Group Ltd.

## Classic Fairy Stories

### Eleven Wild Swans

More frightening and macabre than many of Hans Andersen's stories, this riveting tale follows a classic romance format. After a series of tests and torments, the brave heroine earns a happy ending.

## The Story Teller Serial

### Timbertwig Catches a Marrow (Part 4)

Peet Ellison's endearing hero is back with a new adventure in Wiggly Wood – another battle of wits with Granny Knot and another hatful of spells from Abigail the spider.

## Rhymes and Verse

### The Human Fly from Bendigo

The thrilling endeavours of an Australian trapeze artist come to a sad end. Doug MacLeod's poem was first published by Australian Picture Puffins and in England by Kestrel Books.

# PART 23

## The Story Teller Serial

### Timbertwig's Birthday (Part 5)

Peet Ellison depicts our last episode in the life of his little hero, and assembles all your favourite characters for a very special treasure hunt.

[Webmaster's note: In fact, Timbertwig's final appearance was in Christmas Story Teller 1.]

## Cartoon Heroes

### Waldorf's Fantastic Trip (Part 2)

In a blaze of glorious colour, the absent-minded mouse makes a bid for freedom.

## Classic Fairy Stories

### Goldilocks

"Out the little woman jumped; and whether she broke her neck, or ran into the wood and was lost; or was taken up by the constable and sent to the House of Correction, I cannot tell. But the Three Bears never saw more of her ..." So ends the story by Southey on which Goldilocks is based. See for yourself how the heroine has changed since 1837.

## Rhymes and Verse

### Dad and the Cat and the Tree

Kit Wright's poem first appeared in his anthology, *Rabbling On*, a Fontana Lions Original.

## Folk Tales of the World

### The Faery Flag

Beryl Maude-Jones found this tale proudly preserved among the traditions of a Scottish castle.

## Tales of Today

### The Runaway Piano

Inspired by the magic of a rare blue moon, the enchanting story of Trumpel the piano and his friend the white elephant was written by Eugenie Summerfield, a well-known radio playwright.

## Famous Fables

### The Frog, the Cat and the Little Red Hen

Here, for once, is an English fable – a Victorian indictment of idleness.

# PART 24

## Tales of Today

### **I Wish, I Wish**

A poor little Italian girl and a rich American lady find common ground in their love of art and cats. Lisl Weil's story, set in Florence, was first published by Houghton Mifflin Co. in America, and in Britain by Blackie & Sons.

## Famous Fables

### **Counting Chickens**

Numerous versions of this cautionary tale are told throughout the world. In one of Aesop's fables, it is a foolish milkmaid who daydreams about fame and fortune. But this version describes her modern counterpart in the Middle East.

## The Magic World of Animals

### **A Hedgehog Learns to Fly**

Even hedgehogs can be armchair travellers, as Rosalind Carreck's retelling of an original story by Georgie Adams makes clear. But when Prickles makes a balloon,

he soon learns to be grateful that what goes up must come down!

## Classic Fairy Stories

### **The Little Tin Soldier**

Artist Francis Phillipps makes a very special contribution to one of his favourite stories – Hans Christian Andersen's bittersweet tale of the toy soldier who fell in love with a princess.

## Folk Tales of the World

### **Kingdom of the Seals**

Eric Maple, an author who delights in retelling the folk tales and legends of the world, here puts his pen to work in defence of an endangered species.

## Cartoon Heroes

### **Aldo in Arcadia (Part 4)**

Story Teller's most popular cartoon hero returns to save a drowning man – with a little help from Vaccum, Uncle Emo, and their creators, John Sheridan and Malcolm Livingstone.

# **PART 25**

## **Folk Tales of the World Little Red Riding Hood**

"Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf?" asks the song. And the answer must surely be: the dozens of generations of children who have listened to the story of Red Riding Hood since it first appeared in print, in 1697.

## **Classic Fairy Stories The Happy Prince**

Oscar Wilde is better known for his sarcasm and wit than for his fairy tales, but this beautiful story reveals the gentler side of his character. It was first published in 1888 and has been a family favourite ever since.

## **Comic Heroes Aldo in Arcadia (Part 5)**

In this latest adventure from the pen of John Sheridan, Vacuum takes Aldo and Princess for a ride, and they meet up with an old friend – the Man in the Moon.

## **Tales of Today Mr Miacca**

Tommy Grimes could no more stop himself going around the corner than Jack could resist climbing the beanstalk. So, as Joseph Jacobs relates, it's as well he kept his wits about him in a very tight spot indeed.

## **Cartoon Heroes The Great Pie Contest**

The heroic deeds of little Wee Puff are justly celebrated in this whimsical tale by school teacher L.E. Snellgrove.

## **Great Myths and Legends Stolen Thunder**

When Thor's hammer is stolen by the Giants, revenge is swift and terrible. In some versions of this Old Norse myth, Thor himself destroys the giant Din, but in Geraldine Jones' humorous account, the blow is struck by Odin, King of the Gods.

# PART 26

## Folk Tales of the World

### **The Goblin Rat**

Artist Mary Van Riemsdyke was a young girl when she first heard this Japanese tale of a ferocious, giant rat. Now she tells it again, in her own words and with her own illustrations.

## Classic Fairy Stories

### **Thumbelina**

Hans Christan Andersen's magical fairy heroine, little Thumbelina, strays far from home before she finally finds her prince – the last of many strange suitors.

## The Magic World of Animals

### **Where can an Elephant Hide?**

Morris was never much good at hide-and-seek, until one day the game got serious. Then he had to learn quickly! This hilarious tale of animal camouflage was written by American author David McPhail.

## Tales of Today

### **A Lion at School**

What would you do if you met a lion on your way to school? Take him with you? Well, that's what one girl did in this lively tale specially adapted for Story Teller by author Philippa Pearse.

## The Story Teller Classic

### **Captain Bones**

John Ford tells this story – based on an idea by Eric Maple – of ghosts, skeletons and smuggling on the Cornish coast in the late 18th century. But everything is not quite what it seems!

## Cartoon Heroes

### **Aldo in Arcadia**

Help! The princess has been kidnapped. And writer John Sheridan gives Aldo and vacuum their sternest test yet – a terrifying air battle against the dreaded Grip Brothers!



## ST2 Preview Issue

### **The Wind in the Willows: the River Bank**

In this first episode of Kenneth Grahame's classic, we meet Mole and his friend the Water Rat. Together they spend an idyllic day on the river, but not without some minor disasters! Further episodes of their adventures will appear in Story Teller 2, with illustrations by Richard Hook.

### **Jack-in-the-Box**

Ruth Ainsworth's gentle story of the toys' efforts to get Jack out of a tight spot.

### **Campbell the Travelling Cat**

The name of our Highland hero arose from author Sheila Richmond's fondness for a plaid cloak made of the Campbell tartan ... and for cats!

### **Arthur the Lazy Ant**

After Peter Wingham's house was burgled, he made the best he

could of the experience by creating this cartoon fable.

### **Dragon Child**

When Hilary Roberts turns from her usual sphere of adult fiction to writing for children, she has that happy knack of making her stories sound like old-world folklore, rediscovered and brought vividly back to life.

### **The Magic Porridge Pot**

This hilarious folk tale originates from Central Europe, where it has entertained children for centuries.

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Lewis Carroll's famous piece of seaside nonsense from Alice in Wonderland – to be serialised in the new Story Teller.

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