

Funny Fairy Tales



The BFG, Roald Dahl. Puffin (2007)
Ages 9-12.
Sophie wakes up to find she's been snatched from her bed and transported into the fairy tale land of giants.

Fortunately, she was snatched by a Big Friendly Giant, or BFG, who needs her help to stop the mean human-eating giants.



Ella Enchanted, Gail Carson Levine. Harper (2004)
Ages 9-12. Ella has been "blessed" with obedience by a shortsighted fairy.

Unfortunately, this means she has to do everything anyone commands, but Ella is determined to lead her own life and find her own fortune.



The Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan. Miramax (2006)
Ages 10-14. Ancient Greek monsters fight their way through modern times, meeting their match in Percy Jackson, a half human half god with ADHD and dyslexia.



Cinder Edna, Ellen Jackson. HarperCollins (1998)
Ages 4-8.
Cinder Edna is Cinderella's next-door neighbor. Unlike Cinderella, Edna doesn't

bother with fairy godmothers or moping and spends her time mowing lawns and learning the accordion. And she wears loafers to the royal ball.



The Fairy Tale Detectives, Michael Buckley. Amulet (2007)

Ages 8-12. Daphne and Sabrina Grimm go to live with their grandmother whom they've never met

after their parents disappear. They soon find fairy tales are more real than they'd imagined.



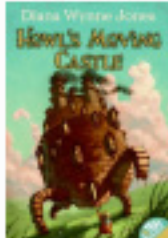
Little Lit, Art Spiegelman and Francoise Moult, ed. RAW Junior (2000)
Ages 4-8. Top cartoonists such as Art Spiegelman, Kaz, and William Joyce come together with 12

funny fairy tale comics and activities. Meet the people who can put Humpty together again, a really annoying pumpkin and more.



Dark Lord of Derkholm, Diana Wynne Jones. HarperCollins (1998)

Ages 10-14. Dragons, wizards, beautiful enchantresses- all arranged for tourists. Derk doesn't want to be this year's evil Dark Lord, but he has no choice but to go along with the game.



Howl's Moving Castle, Diana Wynne Jones. HarperCollins (2008)

Ages 9-12. Eighteen-year-old Sophie has been turned into an old woman by a Witch and has to seek the help of handsome Wizard

Howl. But first she has to make a deal with Howl's fire demon.



Little Red Riding Hood: A Newfangled Prairie Tale, Lisa Campbell Ernst. Aladdin (2005)

Ages 4-8. Grandma and Little Red aren't so helpless in this story set in the Mid

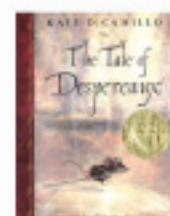
West. Little Red, in her scarlet sweatshirt, is on her bike to Grandma's house when she challenges the wolf to a race.



Rapunzel's Revenge, Shannon Hale, Dean Hale, and Nathan Hale. Bloomsbury (2008).

Ages 9-12. Rapunzel uses her extravagant hair as a weapon in this brand new graphic novel, which sets the

action in the Old West.



The Tale of Despereaux, Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick (2006)

Ages 9-12. Despereaux is a tiny mouse with extra large ears and a romantic soul.

Inspired by a story about a knight, Despereaux falls deeply in love with the human Princess Pea. A witty tale that proves everyone makes his or her own destiny.



The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, Jon Scieszka. Puffin (1996)

Ages 4-8. Just how true is the story of Three Little Pigs? In this funny tale, Al

Wolf explains his side of the story: his terrible cold, his kindly nature, and how accidents just seem to happen to him.



The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales, Jon Scieszka. Viking Juvenile (1992)

Ages 4-8. Between Jack the Giant Killer's sarcastic

commentary and the wandering Little Red Hen; this book of fractured fairy tales puts a whole new spin on the classic stories and legends.



The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig, Eugene Trivizas. Aladdin (1997)

Ages 4-8. In this retelling of the three little pigs, the pig is the villain! This terrifying pig destroys the homes and

fortresses of the three little wolves until they use their brains to construct something entirely new.



The Wee Free Men, Terry Pratchett. Harper (2003)

Ages 10-14. Nine-year-old Tiffany's little brother has been stole by the Queen of the Faeries, but she's not going to take that lying

down! The young witch ventures into the Otherworld armed with a frying pan and the help of the Nac Mac Feegles.