

# Stories for children: birth to 7 years



★ = Available in a variety of South African languages

## Free stories



*Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* by Eileen Christelow (read-aloud versions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjMBxiSGkxY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE9muHOYBcl>

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe (read-aloud version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dP9cQkS8p2Q>

*Peck Peck Peck* by Lucy Cousins (read-aloud versions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzt4N8oHT98>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWUW4X5Z17k>

★ *There's a Fire on the Mountain* by Kirsty Paxton and Julie Smith-Belton (downloadable picture book, published by Book Dash)

<https://bookdash.org/books/theres-a-fire-on-the-mountain/>

*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle (read-aloud and animated versions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hskDDqGg7Bw>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIRQ\\_xPjty0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIRQ_xPjty0)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfL0g-XRxnA>

*Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter (read-aloud and animated versions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRa9QQa99Pc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L66bLISW1Rs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sKq2Xt4P9I>

## Picture books to buy



*All Fall Down* by Helen Oxenbury (Simon & Schuster)

<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/All-Fall-Down/Helen-Oxenbury/Oxenbury-Board-Books/9780689819858>

★ *Astro Girl* by Ken Wilson-Max (Jacana)

<https://jacana.co.za/product/astro-girl/>

★ *Brave Little Cat* by Mzamo Mqeqba (New Africa Books)

<https://newafricabooks.com/products/brave-little-cat-mzamo-maqeqba?variant=32109525139492>

*Cat in Search of a Friend* by Meshack Asare (Sub-Saharan Publishers)  
<https://www.africanbookscollective.com/books/cat-in-search-of-a-friend>

*Dare* by Lorna Gutierrez and Polly Noakes (Tiny Owl)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=981ft3qPhuY>

*Dragon Mode* by Sally Odgers and Chantal Stewart (Songololo)  
<https://www.shuters.co.za/pages/store/>

★ *Father Snail* by Xolisa Guzula and Turiya Magadlela (New Africa Books)  
<https://newafricabooks.com/products/father-snail-xolisa-guzula-and-turiya-magadlela?variant=32109533790244>

*The Girl with 21 Questions* by Boitumelo Mothupi and Subi Bosa (Pan Macmillan)  
<https://www.panmacmillan.co.za/authors/boitumelo-mothupi/the-girl-with-21-questions/9781776250622>

★ *I am Air, I am Fire* and *The Shadow* by Thembinkosi Kohli (New Africa Books)  
<https://newafricabooks.com/products/copy-of-i-am-air-a-story-from-south-africa-draft?variant=40223401148452>  
<https://newafricabooks.com/products/i-am-fire-a-story-from-south-africa-draft?variant=40223522586660>  
<https://newafricabooks.com/products/the-shadow-thembinkosi-kohli?variant=32109574586404>

★ *Katinga Finds the Perfect Name* by Mabel Mnensa, and Chantelle and Burgen Thorne (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/katinga-finds-the-perfect-name/>

★ *Quawe! Mokgadi Caster Semanya* by Nokuthula Mazibuko Msimang and Sanelisiwe Singaphi (New Africa Books)  
<https://newafricabooks.com/products/qhawe-mokgadi-caster-semenya?variant=39391179538468>

*Lina, the Duiker and the Dragonfly* by Lisa Steyn (Penguin Random House)  
<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.co.za/book/lina-duiker-and-dragonfly/9781432310332>

★ *Little Hands Books for Babies* Boxsets 1–4 (Jacana)  
<https://www.praesa.org.za/published-with-partners/>

★ *The Magic Fish* retold by Margie Orford and Lizza Littlewort (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/the-magic-fish/>

★ *Mpumi and Jabu's Magical Day* by Lebohang Masango and Claudine Storbeck (New Africa Books)  
<https://newafricabooks.com/products/mpumi-and-jabus-magical-day-1?variant=32244174553124>

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe (Lothrop Lee and Shepard)  
<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/845403>

*Ouma Ruby's Secret* by Chris van Wyk and Anneliese Voigt-Peters (Pan Macmillan)  
<https://www.panmacmillan.co.za/authors/chris-van-wyk/ouma-rubys-secret/9781920629700>

*Peck Peck Peck* by Lucy Cousins (Walker Books)  
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17262339-peck-peck-peck>

★ *Refilwe* by Zukiswa Wanner and Tamsin Hinrichsen (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/refilwe/>

★ *Shudu Finds Her Magic* by Shudufhadzo Musida, and Chantelle and Burgen Thorne (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/shudu-finds-her-magic/>

★ *Take Your Place, You Belong* by Karen Theunissen and Miriam Mathosi (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/take-your-place-you-belong/>

★ *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* retold by Carole Bloch and Shayle Bester (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/the-three-billy-goats-gruff/>

★ *Three Friends and a Taxi* by Maryanne and Shayle Bester (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/three-friends-and-a-taxi/>

*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle (Random House)  
<https://www.exclusivebooks.co.za/search?keyword=9780141338323>

*Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter (Scholastic)  
<https://www.takealot.com/wangari-s-trees-of-peace/PLID35169523>

★ *Wanda, the Brave* by Sihle-isipho Nontshokweni, and Chantelle and Burgen Thorne (Jacana)  
<https://jacana.co.za/product/wanda-the-brave/>

★ *We are One* by Refiloe Moahloli and Zinelda McDonald (Pan Macmillan)  
<https://www.panmacmillan.co.za/authors/refiloe-moahloli/we-are-one/9781776250417>



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