

Petersen J 389.208997 Petersen

Voladores

When water and volcano become jealous of the people's devotion to the Sun, they cause chaos which can only be overcome by Wind, but only one small boy is willing to try to reach Wind to ask for his help.

Piggott J 398.2 P

Mexican Folktales

Retells eleven Mexican legends, results of European influence on traditional Indian lore.

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The Legend of Lord Eight Deer

Relates the tale of a powerful conqueror and hero who ruled over the Mixtec people of the Mexican state of Oaxaca between 1063 and 1115.

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Nacho and Lolita

A very rare pitacoche bird falls in love with a swallow and plucks his beautiful feathers to transform dry, barren San Juan Capistrano into a haven of flowers and flowing water, which the swallows can easily find when returning from their annual migration.

Villasen J 398.20972 Villasen

The Frog and His Friends Save Humanity

In the Spring of Creation, the animals gather around a newly arrived creature and decide that it is funny and cute—a joke of mother nature—and work together to save this first human child from extinction.



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Aardema E Aardema
Borreguita and the Coyote

A little lamb uses her clever wiles to keep a coyote from eating her up. What's a little lamb to do about a big, oafish coyote that wants to eat her? Why trick him, of course!

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The Riddle of the Drum

Anxious to keep his daughter from marrying, a king announces that no man may marry his daughter unless he guesses the kind of leather used in a drum made by a wizard.

Ada E Ada
Mediopollito=Half Chicken

A Mexican folktale that explains why the weather vane has a little rooster on one end that spins around to let us know which way the wind is blowing.

Coburn J 398.20972 Coburn
Domitila

By following her mother's admonition to perform every task with care and love, a poor Mexican girl wins the devotion of the governors son.

DePaola E Depaola
Legend of the Poinsettia

When Lucida is unable to finish her gift for the baby Jesus in time for the Christmas procession, a miracle enables her to offer the beautiful flower we now call the poinsettia.

Gerson J 398.20972 Gerson
Fiesta Femenina

A collection of folktales from various cultures in Mexico, all focusing on the important role of women, such as Rosha, a young girl who rescues the sun; the goddess Tangu Yuh; a Zapotec princess; and the Virgin Mary.

Hayes J 398.20979 Hayes
La Llorona=The Weeping Woman

Retells, in parallel English and Spanish text, the traditional Hispanic American tale of a proud and beautiful woman who, in a fit of jealousy, commits a terrible act and cannot stop weeping for it, even after she is dead.

Kimmel J 398.22 Kimmel
The Witch's Face: A Mexican Tale

Don Aurelio falls in love with a witch who has a beautiful face but fails to heed her special instructions.

Lewis ER Lewis
Hill of Fire

An easy-to-read account of the birth of the Paricutin volcano in the field of a poor Mexican farmer.

Lowery ER Lowery
The Tale of La Llorona: A Mexican Folktale

Expands on a popular Mexican folktale about a ghost that haunts riverbanks at night, crying as she searches for her lost children.

McAlister J 398.2 McAlister
Holy Molé!: A Folktale From Mexico

Retelling of the traditional Mexican tale explaining the origins of molé, the savory chocolate sauce that is served over turkey or chicken.

Morales J 398.20972 Morales
Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book

In this version of a traditional tale, Senor Calavera arrives at Grandma's Beetle's door, ready to take her to the next life, but after helping her count, in English and Spanish, as she makes her birthday preparations, he changes his mind.