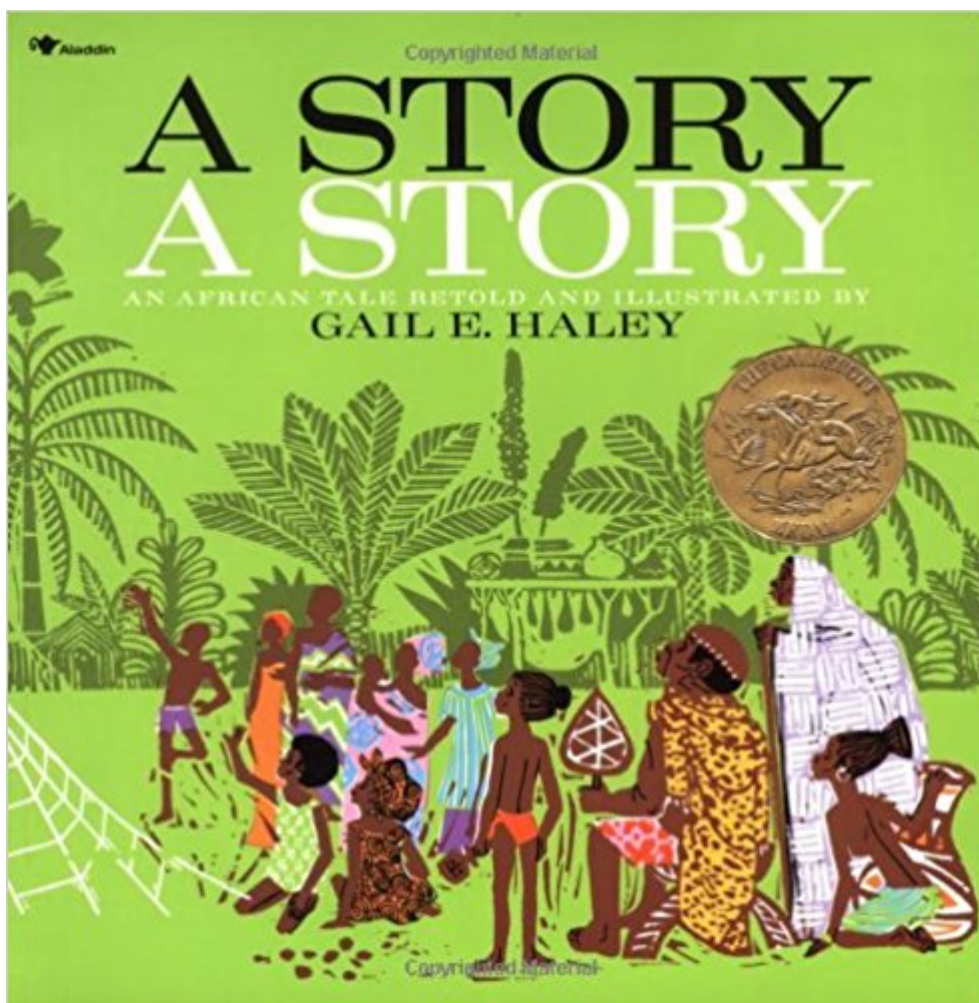


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# A Story, A Story



## Synopsis

Winner of the Caldecott Medal Once, all the stories in the world belonged to Nyame, the Sky God. He kept them in a box beside his throne. But Ananse, the Spider man, wanted them -- and caught three sly creatures to get them. This story of how we got our own stories to tell is adapted from an African folktale.

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## Customer Reviews

The Caldecott Medal-winning African folktale of how Ananse took all the stories in the world from Nyame, the Sky God. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Many African stories, whether or not they are about Kwaku Ananse the 'spider man,' are called, 'Spider Stories.' This book is about how that came to be. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My parents purchased this book for me when I was a child, so when it was time for our Black Culture Jubilee at my school I wanted to bring the Anansi tales to life for my students. I projected the book onto a classroom wall and read to a mixed age group who loved the tale and the parents enjoyed remembering the tale as well. Perfect story!

Book came in Great condition and was such a wonderful classic to have to read with my daughter.

A Story, A story, is an african tale retold by Gail Haley. She also happens to be the illustrator, and the winner of a Cladecott medal. This is the story of Anase, the spider man. He's the spider man because he spins a web up to heaven to ask the Sky God for his stories so he can share with the world. Hence, why stories are called spider stories. When Anase fulfills the God's order he is given the box of stories, and they get scattered all over Earth to share. The story of Anase itself is a great tale of an old man capturing unlikely gifts for the God, to receive the box of stories. But the idea that the Earth has stories because the box opened and stories scattered everywhere is simple, yet imaginative. This is a great story for kids who like tales. If you like the book "Why mosquitos buzz in people's ears" then you would like this story. It's got great illustrations, and is a wonderful folk tale.

I bought this book for my daughters in the 80's. They loved it, so I bought it for my grandchildren. They love it.

I purchased this book because it appears on one of the Scholastic DVD sets with Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. My children love the animated version so I thought we'd see if they liked the book also. Its such a wonderful classic and so beautifully illustrated. I love the cultural diversity that it adds to our bedtime story time together.

It's a very good book. Quite an interesting choice of language. It will entertain one every time it is read. It may be hard for a very small child to understand.

For my granddaughter, a story I loved as a kid.

Loved it since my children were young, the video is awesome!

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