



American Tall Tales

By Mary Pope Osborne

Download now

Read Online ➔

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne

The perfect addition to every family's home library and just right for sharing aloud, *American Tall Tales* introduces readers to America's first folk heroes in nine wildly exaggerated and downright funny stories.

Here are Paul Bunyan, that king-sized lumberjack who could fell "ten white pines with a single swing"; John Henry, with his mighty hammer; Mose, old New York's biggest, bravest fireman; Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, who could "outgrin, outsnort, outrun, outlift, outsneeze, outsleep, outlie any varmint"; and other uniquely American characters, together in one superb collection.

In the tradition of the original nineteenth-century storytellers, Mary Pope Osborne compiles, edits, and adds her own two cents' worth—and also supplies fascinating historical headnotes. Michael McCurdy's robust colored wood engravings recall an earlier time, perfectly capturing all the vitality of the men and women who carved a new country out of the North American wilderness.

↓ [Download American Tall Tales ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online American Tall Tales ...pdf](#)

American Tall Tales

By Mary Pope Osborne

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne

The perfect addition to every family's home library and just right for sharing aloud, *American Tall Tales* introduces readers to America's first folk heroes in nine wildly exaggerated and downright funny stories.

Here are Paul Bunyan, that king-sized lumberjack who could fell "ten white pines with a single swing"; John Henry, with his mighty hammer; Mose, old New York's biggest, bravest fireman; Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, who could "outgrin, outsnort, outrun, outlift, outsneeze, outsleep, outlie any varmint"; and other uniquely American characters, together in one superb collection.

In the tradition of the original nineteenth-century storytellers, Mary Pope Osborne compiles, edits, and adds her own two cents' worth—and also supplies fascinating historical headnotes. Michael McCurdy's robust colored wood engravings recall an earlier time, perfectly capturing all the vitality of the men and women who carved a new country out of the North American wilderness.

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #31909 in Books
- Brand: Puffin
- Published on: 1991-09-24
- Released on: 1991-09-24
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 11.00" h x .59" w x 8.25" l, 1.36 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 115 pages

 [Download American Tall Tales ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online American Tall Tales ...pdf](#)

Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

American folk heroes of the 19th century spring to life in these splendidly retold sagas. Osborne's reputation as a gifted raconteur (Favorite Greek Myths ; Beauty and the Beast) is reaffirmed in this compendium, which retells the legends of familiar figures (Davy Crockett, Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill), as well as lesser known personalities, such as Crockett's fictional wife Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, a composite character shaped by tales of various real-life women. Also chronicled are heroes hailing from places other than the backwoods, including Stormalong, a giant sailor who as a baby was washed onto a Cape Cod beach by a tidal wave, and Mose, a New York City fireman immortalized in an 1848 Broadway play. As tantalizing as Osborne's storytelling are McCurdy's (The Owl-Scatterer) elaborate, full-color wood engravings, which in their robust stylization dramatically render the grandeur of these engrossing yarns.

Ages 6-up.

Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From School Library Journal

Grade 3-6-- This strikingly handsome, oversized volume presents nine all-American figures whose overblown exploits take them from coast to coast and through all manner of occupations and preoccupations. Osborne has chosen familiar fictitious characters--Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan, Febold Feboldson--and actual people, such as Johnny Appleseed and Davy Crockett, and relates episodes that stress the individuals' human weaknesses as well as strengths. She has melded several legendary characters into a single heroine, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, who more than holds her own in such grand company. The rip-roaring action, broad humor, and colorful language of the convention are all here, but the violence is kept to a minimum and the laughs aren't at anyone's expense, except perhaps the subjects, who feel rather foolish on occasion. McCurdy's intricate wood engravings tinted with watercolor equal their tall task. He sets these larger-than-life folk on majestic landscapes brimming with energy, rich with wildlife and local color. The author's thoughtful introduction and notes round out this superlative offering. It's "the whole steamboat!" --Luann

Toth, School Library Journal

Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Kirkus Reviews

For the 90's, a handsome, well-documented collection of stories about nine uniquely American characters. In her intelligent introduction, Osborne explains their genesis "from various combinations of historical fact, the storytelling of ordinary people, and the imagination of professional writers" and notes that changing times put a new light on stories deriding various groups (including women and even animals). Thus her intention is to emphasize "gargantuan physical courage and absurd humor" and to "bring out the vulnerable and compassionate side" despite the stories' "ineradicable taint of violence." Osborne succeeds pretty well in her intention, piecing together stories that make fine introductions to characters like Mose and Stormalong. Her approach suits Johnny Appleseed and John Henry better than it does Davy Crockett battling a panther, but she does manage to put a new slant on Pecos Bill and his bouncing bride without undermining the story (there's no question of a wife's disobedience here; Sue wants to ride Bill's horse as a test of skill). The telling is more polished than lively--Glen Rounds's irrepressible wit (Ol' Paul, the Mighty Logger, 1949) is more fun, but these versions are perfectly acceptable. McCurdy's vigorous wood engravings, tinted with lucid color, contribute a rugged frontier flavor; lively, though a bit formal in style, they suit the text admirably. Each story is introduced by source notes; a story-by-story bibliography provides a good roundup of this popular genre. (Folklore. 6-12) -- Copyright ©1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Irma Patterson:

Your reading 6th sense will not betray an individual, why because this American Tall Tales book written by well-known writer who knows well how to make book that may be understood by anyone who all read the book. Written inside good manner for you, leaking every ideas and producing skill only for eliminate your own personal hunger then you still question American Tall Tales as good book not merely by the cover but also by content. This is one e-book that can break don't determine book by its deal with, so do you still needing an additional sixth sense to pick this!? Oh come on your looking at sixth sense already alerted you so why you have to listening to another sixth sense.

Annie Hendricks:

Reading a book being new life style in this yr; every people loves to examine a book. When you examine a book you can get a large amount of benefit. When you read textbooks, you can improve your knowledge, mainly because book has a lot of information onto it. The information that you will get depend on what kinds of book that you have read. If you want to get information about your research, you can read education books, but if you act like you want to entertain yourself look for a fiction books, such as novel, comics, and also soon. The American Tall Tales provide you with new experience in studying a book.

Paul Steinbach:

This American Tall Tales is brand-new way for you who has interest to look for some information mainly because it relief your hunger of information. Getting deeper you upon it getting knowledge more you know or perhaps you who still having little bit of digest in reading this American Tall Tales can be the light food to suit your needs because the information inside this book is easy to get by means of anyone. These books produce itself in the form that is reachable by anyone, yeah I mean in the e-book application form. People who think that in e-book form make them feel tired even dizzy this book is the answer. So there is no in reading a guide especially this one. You can find actually looking for. It should be here for an individual. So , don't miss this! Just read this e-book kind for your better life along with knowledge.

William Leone:

That publication can make you to feel relax. This specific book American Tall Tales was multi-colored and of course has pictures around. As we know that book American Tall Tales has many kinds or style. Start from kids until youngsters. For example Naruto or Private eye Conan you can read and think that you are the character on there. Therefore not at all of book are make you bored, any it offers you feel happy, fun and loosen up. Try to choose the best book for yourself and try to like reading this.

**Download and Read Online American Tall Tales By Mary Pope
Osborne #RT5WE1PXHKC**

Read American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne for online ebook

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne books to read online.

Online American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne ebook PDF download

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne Doc

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne Mobipocket

American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne EPub

RT5WE1PXHKC: American Tall Tales By Mary Pope Osborne