

Folk and Fairy Tales, reference sources readily available in our library or online.

A Guide to Folktales in the English Language by D.L. Ashliman REF GR 74.6 A83
1987

Based on the Aarne-Thompson Classification System. Can help in finding reliable texts (different versions) of folktales. Gives the Aarne-Thompson classification number for each folktale plot. For example the tale about the frog king (or frog prince) has a classification number of AT 440; the tale we call the three little pigs, which is classified under the motif “blowing the house in,” has an AT number of 124. *MLA Bibliography* frequently uses the Aarne-Thompson classification in its indexing also.

D.L. Ashliman's web page is a valuable site for folk and fairy tale research it has links to different versions of fairy tales. <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/ashliman.html>

Motif Index of Folk Literature by Stith Thompson, 5 v. REF GR 67 T52 1955

One of the sources of the Aarne-Thompson index, this is a monumental compilation of motifs occurring in traditional oral and written narratives throughout the world. To use index, browse the detailed outline that prefaces each of the 23 broad subject divisions.

A Dictionary of British Folk-tales in the English Language. Katherine Briggs, 4 volumes
REF GR 141 B69

Gives the full text or an extensive summary of tales from this region along with the source and A-T tale type. An important compilation that saves researchers from hunting out widely scattered texts.

The Oxford Companion to Fairy Tales, Jack Zipes, editor. REF PN 3437 .094 2000

Information on all aspects, a good place to begin your research on fairy tales.

New Tales for Old (1999) and *Tales, Then and Now* (2001), Altmann and de Vos,
REF PN 56 .F58

Excellent for background information, listings and summaries of literary criticism, synopses of tales, mention of tale variations and summaries and listings of contemporary reworkings of the tales. First title includes Cinderella.

Children's Literature: A Guide to the Literature. REF PN 1009 .A1 H46 1987

An annotated bibliography of literary scholarship and criticism. This source is available online at <http://www.unm.edu/~lhendr/>