



# Heather Forest

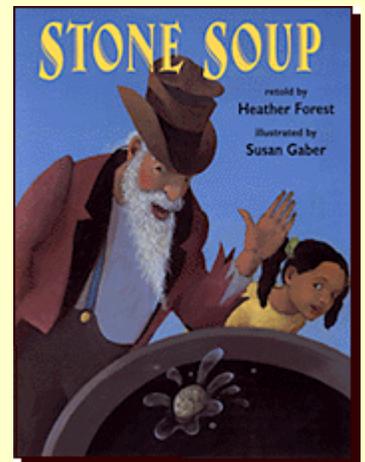
## Storyteller & Children's Book Author

### *Arts in Education Program Descriptions*

Nationally acclaimed storyteller/author, Heather Forest, presents world folktales in a unique minstrel style of storytelling that interweaves original music, poetry, prose, guitar, and the sung and spoken word. Primary grade concerts feature musical folktales and fables with lively audience participation. Upper grade programs feature engaging world folklore of adventure and enchantment. In-class workshops explore creative writing, oral expression and listening skills.

#### **Sing Me a Story: Folktales and Fables for Young Listeners (Pre-K-2)**

Selected from Heather Forest's wide repertoire of stories for young listeners, this program features classic folktales of early childhood told with catchy musical refrains and lively audience participation. Familiar tales such as "The Little Red Hen," "The Mitten," "Stone Soup" and Aesop's Fables, as well as many little known stories from cultures around the world, celebrate themes of cooperation, sharing, and perseverance. Program includes complementary recording and children's picture book.



#### **A Tapestry of Multicultural Tales (K-2, 3-5, Jr.HS, H.S.)**

Multicultural folktales come to life in a dynamic interweave of storytelling, original music, folk guitar, and the sung and spoken word. Interactive assembly programs are designed to suit grade level and offer ancient tales of wisdom and wonder selected from the folklore of Europe, Africa, India, Asia, the Americas, and the Middle East. Presented with a focus on historical background and cultural context, multicultural folktales reveal both the diversity and commonality of human experience.

#### **Folktales Alive! (Grades 3-5, Jr. HS)**

From drama to comedy, ghost tales, tall tales, Greek mythology, and wonder tales of adventure and enchantment come to life in poetry, prose, music and movement in this story sampler of World Tales selected for their strong plot lines and vivid imagery. Concert programs are specially designed to suit the audience grade level and feature stories from Heather Forest's award winning folktale anthologies, which are made available to the school library for follow-up and reference

#### ***In-Class Workshops***

##### **Visiting Author Workshop: From Page to Performance (K-2, 3-5, Jr. HS)**

Utilizing multicultural folklore from around the world as the basis for students' written and oral storytelling activities, master storyteller/author Heather Forest extends her concert presentation into the classroom setting. Leading students to explore their unique versions of a presented folktale plot, budding storytellers devise detail and text. From verbal improvisation to first written draft, students discover how a literary folktale is researched, retold, written, edited, and revised.

##### **Storytelling Workshop: The Magic of Words (K-2, 3-5, Jr. HS)**

Through demonstration and playful, interactive, story theatre exercises, master storyteller, Heather Forest, extends her concerts into the classroom, helping students explore the storyteller's artful use of words, sound, and body language to create images in the minds of listeners. Using a simple folktale plot, students sequence the story, create lively characterizations, rehearse, and learn where to find multicultural folktales to tell.

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# Heather Forest Reviews

YOUNG PEOPLES CONCERTS

*"After we got back to our room after your performance, the children were buzzing about how they could become authors and storytellers. This was a milestone for them!"*

*Teacher  
Oakwood Primary Center, NY*

*"Your body movement, facial expression, tone and inflection of your voice, as well as the beautiful sound of your speaking and singing voice, all come together to bring stories to life. Your performance mesmerized the audience, young and old alike. Enjoyment and delight were evident by looking around the room."*

*PTA Programming  
George Jackson ES  
Jericho, NY*

*"An excellent presentation... appropriate for grade level. The children learned about the value of description and detail in a story."*

*Teacher  
Tackan Elementary School  
Smithtown, NY*

*"Heather Forest's presentation was simply wonderful. Our students, staff, and parents are delighted with her storytelling. Ms. Forest really makes Parents As Reading Partners come alive!"*

*Principal  
South Bay Elementary  
School  
West Babylon, NY*

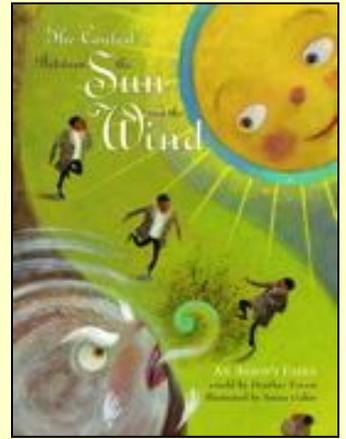


*"Heather Forest is a talented spellbinding storyteller who managed to captivate her audience with her variety and sweet sounding beautiful voice. Her message encouraging reading was well received."*

*Teacher  
Parkview Elementary  
Kings Park, NY*

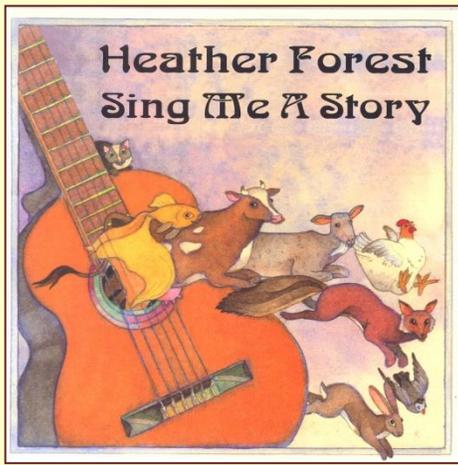
*"I wanted to commend you on your magnificent performance. It was exciting to witness how interested the audience was. The feedback I got from my students was extremely positive. Thank you for a most enriching presentation."*

*Special Education Teacher  
Port Jefferson H.S., NY*



*Library Media Specialist  
Oakwood School  
South Huntington, NY*

*"Thank you for enchanting the boys and girls at the Oakwood Primary Center with your stories and songs. Our students have been magically charmed to use the 398.2 folktale section of our library."*



*"You opened up a new world to our students which they will continue to explore with their imaginations. Thank you for keeping storytelling alive!"*

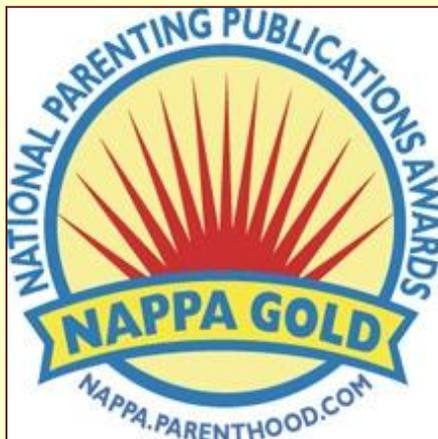
*Teacher  
All Saints Regional School  
Long Island, NY*

*"Heather Forest is the ultimate professional, unifying entertainment, education, music, and folklore into each story. Delightful!"*

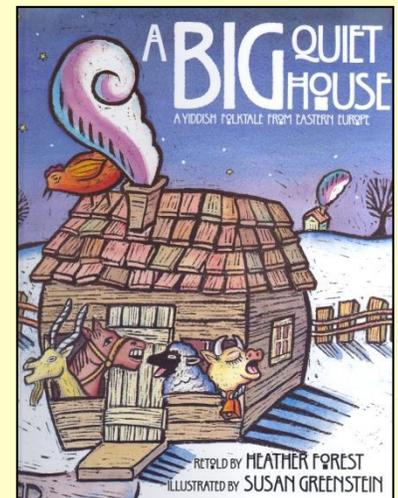
*Teacher  
Eagle Elementary School  
Medford, NY*

*"Thank you for sharing your storytelling expertise with us. Your talents have inspired children to read and respond to literature more intensely."*

*Reading Coordinator  
Joseph A. Edgar School  
Rocky Point, NY*



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## *About the Artist*

**Heather Forest, Ph.D.** is a nationally acclaimed storyteller, recording artist and author. For the past thirty-five years, she has toured her performance repertoire of World Folktales to theatres, schools, conferences and storytelling festivals throughout the United States and abroad. She has published seven children's picture books, two folktale anthologies, eight audio recordings of storytelling and a popular educational web site Story Arts Online <http://www.storyarts.org>. Her recordings have won an American Library Association Notable Record Award, two Parent's Choice Gold Awards, and three Storytelling World Honor Awards. Ms. Forest holds a Master's Degree in Storytelling from East Tennessee State University and a Ph.D. in Leadership & Change from Antioch University. She is a recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award presented by the National Storytelling Network.



For more information about Storytelling visit:

***STORY ARTS ONLINE***

<http://www.storyarts.org>

*written by Heather Forest, Storyteller/Author*

Story Arts Online is an educational Web site that explores the use of storytelling in the classroom to enhance students' speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. The site includes storytelling lesson plans and activities, a story library of Aesop's fables and world folktales, links to other storytelling sites, lists of recommended classroom resources, and an audio theater.

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