



Adelson, Leone. The Mystery Bear: A Purim Story. New York: Clarion Books, 2004.

When he awakens from hibernation, Little Bear's hunger leads him to a house where a Purim celebration is just beginning. (Preschool, Primary)



Balsley, Tilda. The Queen Who Saved Her People. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2011.

The Purim story told in an irreverently-illustrated rhyming tale. The book can be read as a regular story or acted out with an ensemble of voices and actors. (Preschool, Primary)



Barash, Chris; illustrated by Alessandra Psacharopulo. *Is It Purim Yet?* Chicago: Albert Whitman, 2016.

As winter winds down and springtime seems like it's still a dream away, a family begins preparations for Purim. It's time to fill hamantaschen, swing groggers, and gather together to celebrate how Queen Esther's bravery protected the Jews. (Preschool, Primary)



Cohen, Barbara. *Here Come the Purim Players!* New York: UAHC Press, 1988.

All the Jews in the Prague ghetto watch a troupe of local players reenact the story of Queen Esther. (Primary, Elementary)



Cuyler, Margery; illustrated by Puy Pinillos. *Purim Chicken*. Chicago: Albert Whitman, 2017.

It's Purim and the animals on the farm are planning their celebration! They decide to sing songs, wear costumes, and put on a play about Queen Esther. (Preschool, Primary)



Gelman, Rita Golden. *Queen Esther Saves Her People*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1998.

A playful retelling of the story of how a beautiful Jewish girl became the Queen of Persia and saved her people from death at the hands of the evil Haman. (Primary, Elementary)



Gerstein, Mordicai. *Queen Esther the Morning Star*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000.

Lively storytelling and intricate illustrations that recall ancient Persia bring to life the Purim story about remaining true to oneself and to God. (Primary)



Goldin, Barbara Diamond. Cakes and Miracles. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 2010.

Young, blind Hershel finds that he has special gifts he can use to help his mother during the Jewish holiday of Purim. Includes author's notes about the holiday and its origins. Revised edition of the original 1991 version includes new illustrations. (Primary)





Hoffman, Amalia. *Purim Goodies*. Jerusalem: Gefen, 2007.

When two Adellas meet on their way to take the other's family pastries to celebrate Purim, they decide to just taste the foods they are carrying, causing a rift between the families when they receive less-than-full trays. Based on a story by Sholom Aleichem. (Primary, Elementary)



Kimmel, Eric A. *The Story of Esther: A Purim Tale*. New York: Holiday House, 2011.

The Purim story brings together a mighty king, a jealous scoundrel, and a wise uncle. However, at its center is a clever heroine who was so beautiful she was known as the Morning Star. It is only because of Queen Esther's cunning and courage that evil was brought to justice and many lives were saved. (Primary, Elementary)



Kress, Camille. *Purim!* New York: UAHC Press, 1998.

Introduces toddlers and preschoolers to the festival of Purim -- the heroes and villains, the symbols and celebration (Board Book). (Preschool)



Kropf, Latifa Berry. *It's Purim Time!* Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2005.

Young children celebrate the holiday of Purim by dressing up and acting out the story of Purim, eating hamentashen, and delivering gifts of food to family and friends. (Preschool)



Kushner, Elisabeth. *The Purim Superhero*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2013.

Nate wants to dress as an alien for Purim but his friend wants him to wear a superhero costume like the other boys, so Nate seeks guidance from his Daddy and Abba, who advise that being yourself makes you stronger. (Preschool, Primary)



Moscowitz, Moshe. *The Queen of Persia*. Chicago: Shazak Productions, 2004.

An illustrated adaptation of the Purim story. (Elementary)



Nerlove, Miriam. *Purim*. Morton Grove, IL: A. Whitman, 1992.

A young boy becomes caught up in the excitement of the Purim celebration as the rabbi relates the tale of the courageous Queen Esther and the evil Haman. (Preschool)



Newman, Tracy; illustrated by Viviana Garofoli. *Purim is coming!* Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2017.

A family and their dog get ready for Purim by baking hamantaschen, making costumes, and reading the megillah (Board Book). (Preschool)



Rick, Shoshanna. Hooray! It's Purim! New York: Gefen, 2000.

Poems, stories, and activities for celebrating the Jewish holiday of Purim. (Preschool, Primary)





Rouss, Sylvia A. Sammy Spider's First Purim. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2000.

Sammy Spider wants to help Josh get ready for Purim. Instead, he gets stuck inside a grogger. How will he escape? (Preschool, Primary)



Schotter, Roni. *Purim Play*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1998.

Frannie is upset because an elderly neighbor is going to play the part of Haman in this year's Purim play, but Mrs. Teplitzky surprises everyone with her acting ability. Includes facts about Purim and a recipe for hamantaschen. (Preschool, Primary)



Schram, Peninnah. *The Purim Costume*. New York: URJ Press, 2004.

The story of Purim is framed by the experience of Rebecca who is tired of dressing up as Queen Esther every year. When her mother suggests Vashti, Rebecca watches the Purim spiel and comes to realize just how important Vashti was. (Elementary)



Sidon, Ephraim. *The Animated Megillah: A Purim Adventure*. New York: Scopus Films (London), 1986.

Following the adventures of Judy and Danny as they fly through time to investigate mysterious goings on at the Royal Court brings the story of Purim to life. (Elementary)



Silverman, Erica. Raisel's Riddle. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999.

A Jewish version of the Cinderella story, in which a poor but educated young woman captivates her "Prince Charming" a rabbi's son, at a Purim ball. (Primary, Elementary)



Simpson, Lesley. *The Purim Surprise*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2003.

Having moved to a new city just before Purim, Naomi reluctantly agrees to help deliver *shalach manot*, Purim treats, to total strangers while worrying that her mother has forgotten her seventh birthday. (Preschool, Primary)



Terwilliger, Kelly. *Barnyard Purim*. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2012.

Purim is a topsy-turvy time, even on the farm. The animals decide to stage a Purim play, and Chicken assigns the parts. Blushing Duck is Queen Esther, Silly Horse is Ahashuerus, and Bearded Goat is Mordechai. But when they try to transform Shy Little Sheep into mean-looking Haman, something unexpected happens. (Primary)



Topek, Susan Remick. *A Costume for Noah: A Purim Story*. Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben, 1995.

Noah's classmates are busy making costumes for the Purim parade, but he is preoccupied with the imminent arrival of a new baby. (Preschool, Primary)



Wolkstein, Diane. *Esther's Story*. New York: William Morrow, 1996.

Written in the form of a diary, this portrait reveals the transformation of a shy orphan girl into a courageous, compassionate queen. (Primary, Elementary)





Zolkower, Edi Stolz. When It's Purim. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben, 2009.

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text portray a group of friends making hamentaschen cookies to give as gifts on Purim (Board Book). (Preschool)



Zucker, Jonny. *It's Party Time! A Purim Story*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's Educational Series, 2003.

This simple introduction to Purim follows a family as they wear costumes, go to synagogue, and make lots of noise. (Preschool)



Zwerin, Raymond A., and Audrey Friedman Marcus. *A Purim Album*. New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1981.

Tells the traditional story of Purim and a new tale about the personal experience of a young girl who plays the part of Esther in her school play. (Preschool, Primary)