

Bookfolio for **The Book of Three**

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Recommended for: [Grades 5-8](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Mythology](#)

Story Summary: Taran, the Assistant Pig-Keeper, is forced to begin a quest when his oracular pig Hen Wen escapes, and Taran must search for her through the land of Prydain. Taran meets the established hero, Prince Gwydion, who has come to ask Hen Wen for information about the Horned King who is ravaging the kingdom with his forces of evil. Taran and Gwydion are captured by Achren, a queen of hellish Annuvia, but Taran escapes with the aid of Eilonwy, a good princess. The couple continue on a quest to find Hen Wen and to alert the castle of Caer Dathyl of the encroaching evil. Taran and Eilonwy are joined by a bumbling balladeer, Ffleuddur, and Gurgi, a beastly sub-human, on their adventure which takes them to the Dwarf King of the Black Lake, to the Hidden Valley, and to their final confrontation against the Horned King. Gwydion is then restored as prince of Caer Dathyl, and a wiser Taran happily returns home.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 3.

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:

R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

The Book of Three - Independent Activities	Skills
1. Compare Light and High Fantasy (Comparing two types of fantasy)	S , W
2. Heroes' Quests (Making a chart of story plots)	W
3. Gurgi the Great (Evaluating a character)	S , W
4. Welsh Myths (Retelling a myth)	R , S
5. Draw Your Sword (Researching weapons)	D , R , W
6. Spiral Castle Labyrinth (Drawing a maze)	D
The Book of Three - Group Activities	Skills
1. Fantasy Reflecting Real Life (Distinguishing fantasy and reality)	S
2. Taran and Bilbo (Comparing heroes)	S , W
3. Taran's Growth (Reading the series)	R , S
4. Present Participle Pairings (Writing a poem)	S , W
5. The Kingdom of Prydain (Mapping Prydain)	D , R
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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