

## Bookfolio for **The Jack Tales**

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**Recommended for:** [Grades 4-6](#)

**Classification:** Fiction

**Genre:** [Legends and Folktales](#)

**Story Summary:** Richard Chase has collected eighteen folktales about Jack that have been told for generations in North Carolina's mountain country. These Americanized versions of "Jack Tales", which descended from English tales, tell about the young man's resourcefulness and perseverance. One of the most familiar is a variant of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and is titled in this collection, "Jack's Bean Tree." Always eager for a challenge, Jack matches his wits against giants, varmints, witches, and kings. Because these tales originate from Appalachia, the dialect of that region is used in the stories. Chase has also included an introduction and appendix to THE JACK TALES to provide insight into the storytellers and the stories.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** Chapter 11, pages 96-105

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:  
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

<b>The Jack Tales - Independent Activities</b>	<b>Skills</b>
1. <a href="#">Share a Jack Tale</a> (Retelling a story)	S
2. <a href="#">The Beantree and the Beanstalk</a> (Comparing two tales)	R , W
3. <a href="#">Collections</a> (Retelling and illustrating a story)	D , W
4. <a href="#">Locate the Places</a> (Making a map)	D , S
5. <a href="#">A Mythical, Magical Beast</a> (Researching a topic)	D , W
6. <a href="#">A Letter to Beech Mountain's Storytellers</a> (Writing a letter)	W
<b>The Jack Tales - Group Activities</b>	<b>Skills</b>
1. <a href="#">The Oral Tradition</a> (Retelling a tale)	L , S
2. <a href="#">The Moral of the Tale</a> (Writing a moral)	R , W
3. <a href="#">Magic Words</a> (Creating word clues)	D , W
4. <a href="#">Contemporary Jack Tales</a> (Writing a contemporary Jack tale)	S , W
5. <a href="#">An Encounter with Jack</a> (Writing a newspaper article)	S , W
6. <a href="#">"Let's Talk About..."</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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