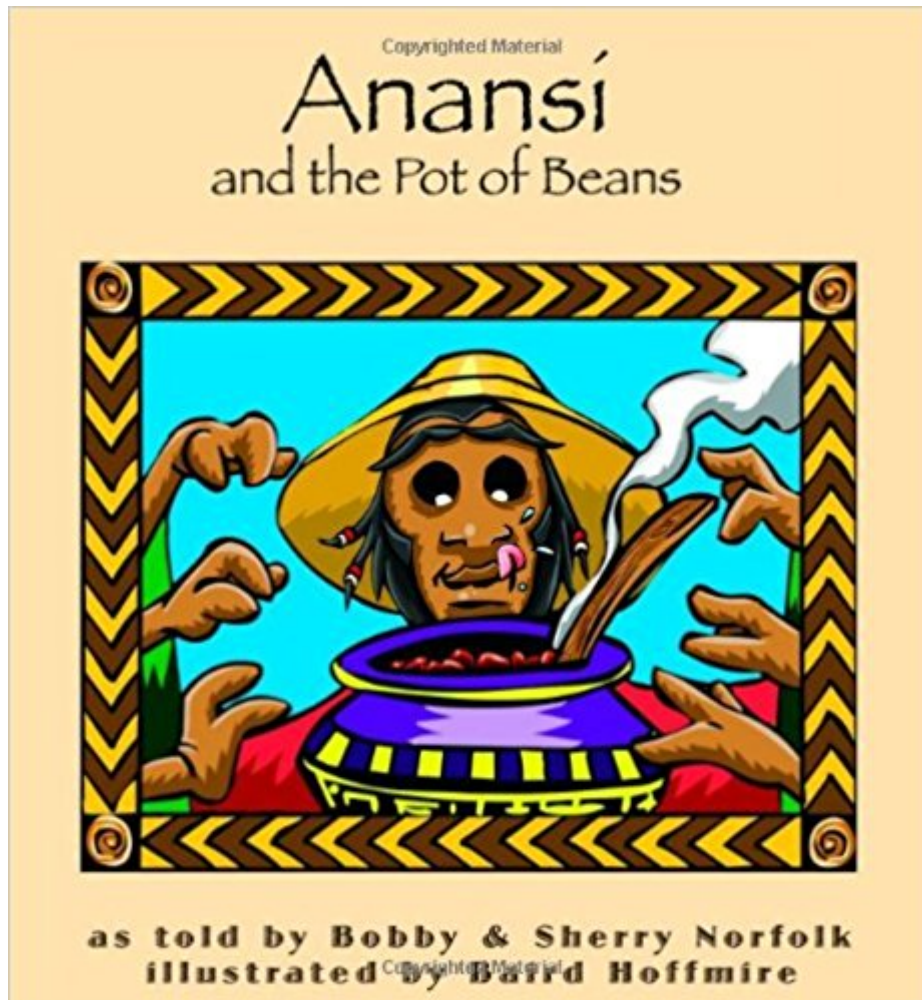




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Synopsis

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Book Information

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The Story Cove Teacher Activity Pack includes: 7 copies of the Story Cove book; differentiated lesson plans for 4 grades; and CD with: Read-along audio tracks, animated version of the story, and downloadable lesson plans. Story Cove was developed to meet the specific needs and interests of young readers. These captivating tales come from a variety of cultures and share timeless values and simple, universal lessons. Every story has been carefully selected, edited and leveled. The 8x8 paperbacks are supported with online animations and downloadable lesson plans that match the NCTE national standards. As a result, each child is able to develop a more personal, meaningful relationship with the stories and the characters. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bobby Norfolk Bio: From Kindergarten to the Tenth Grade, Bobby Norfolk stuttered. He was so self-conscious about his impediment that he retreated into books. Luckily, he had some master

teachers in the St. Louis Public Schools who saw a potential in him that he had yet to see in himself. They put him in drama class, glee club - even a talent show judged by country music legend, Mel Tillis. Fortunately, when Bobby performed, he discovered that he didn't stutter! In books, young Norfolk found his troubles fused with those of heroes whose epic struggles captured his imagination. Eventually, the stutter disappeared. As a young adult, Bobby Norfolk became an actor and stand-up comedian. He became an opening act for the likes of B.B. King and Lou Rawls. Norfolk's day job as a National Park Service ranger at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri also gave him experience relating to a variety of audiences. Bobby Norfolk is one of the most sought-after African-American storytellers in the country. He and his wife, Sherry, have authored five classic Anansi tales that are included in the Story Cove picture book series. When they aren't traveling or performing at schools and festivals, they live in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sherry Norfolk Bio: Sherry Norfolk embodies the term "teaching artist" - that is, an artist who not only talks the talk, she also walks the walk. She invites readers of all ages to peer through the kaleidoscope of story into the world of the imagination. Her library background led her to writing and performing stories as an effective means of motivating children to read, and her elementary education background influenced her style - full of rhythm and motion, and multiple voices. As a teacher, she leads residencies and workshops internationally, introducing children and adults to story making and storytelling. She serves on the roster of seven state arts councils, a testimony to her value as a teaching artist. Her dedication to and deep interest in children and literacy have been recognized with national awards from the American Library Association, the Association for Library Association for Children, the National Association of Counties, and the Florida Library Association. Sherry has a B.S. in Elementary Education and a Masters in Library Science. She retells folktales from around the world, using these stories to teach universal values, elevate understanding, appreciate other cultures, and promote environmental awareness.

Baird Hoffmire Bio: Baird Hoffmire is an animator, illustrator, graphic designer and exhibiting artist. He resides in Charleston, South Carolina with his beautiful wife, Jane and his equally lovely daughters, Sadie and Harper. With a BFA in Illustration from Western Carolina University and a BFA in Media Arts and Animation from the Art Institute of Atlanta, Baird has been working as a professional artist for over ten years. His illustrations in Story Cove picture books and animated stories have been enjoyed by tens of thousands of children around the world. Besides painting, illustrating books and spending time with his family, Baird loves to play basketball.

Anansi stories are always interesting because the spider trickster is always landing in some kind of

adventure or trouble...many time of his own greedy, impulsive design. My three-year-old nephew loves for us to read this story to him at bedtime. He loves Grandma Spider and her delicious pot of spicy beans, which lures the silly, ever-hungry Anansi to her kitchen. My nephew finds it amusing that the spider fellow has six arms, three in each sleeve, while Grandma spider has a sleeve for each of her arms. [Spiders, of course, in this story walk on their other set of "arms / legs" for a total of eight appendages all together! LOL] He especially enjoys the illustration on page 9 when Grandma is cooking. Another picture he loves is on page 13 when Anansi is hovering over the pot of beans---his six arms ready for the unveiling!! If your child has a vivid imagination and a sense of humor, he / she would probably enjoy this cause and effect story where Anansi loses his hair. Educationally, the tale presents themes about responsibility, trustworthiness, respect, and listening. This book is worth reading to and discussing with children. It's actually more interesting--in text and in illustration--than "Anansi Goes to Lunch," which is by the same author / illustrator pair. The companion websites from StoryCove are enjoyable for young people as well.

Overall a decent book of one of the Caribbean versions of the African-originated Anansi tales. Good length, not too short, not too long and offers an entertaining, but easy to comprehend moral lesson out of it. Fun, colourful illustrations to accompany the text. However one gaping editorial error here in a passage where the book says "Anansi blushed" - that is really quite an implausible concept for an African or Caribbean story, needless to say. Not in line with the accompanying images of Anansi as a black character either. That was poorly done, but otherwise the book was decent.

I love Anansi stories and am collecting books for my 2nd grade class where they will be told regularly. This book is decently written and is accessible to early readers, but the illustrations are a bit jarring and unattractive.

This is one of my daughter's favorite stories. We love the tales of Anansi!

I'm not a fan of the illustrations I think they're a little creepy, but the story is good. Not bad for the price tho

As expected

Its ok

Americans use to grow their food. In addition, children learned lessons that you cannot teach in a classroom on a farm. Moreover, Anansi learns many lessons in Anansi and the Pots of Beans in his grandmother's fields. For example, he learned that you often make a fool of yourself when you do not listen to grown ups. Finally, you could teach your children what happens when do not follow instructions with this book. In other words, Anasi will never forget his grandmother's pot of beans.

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