

Cumulative Stories

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Aardema, Verna. **Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: a Nandi Tale.** (CBC E Aa724b)

A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.

Aylesworth, Jim. **Aunt Pitty Patty's Piggy.** (CBC 398.22 Ay446a 1999)

A cumulative tale in which Aunt Pitty Patty's niece Nellie tries to get piggy to go through the gate.

Beaumont, Karen. **Move Over, Rover.** (CBC E B3837m 2006)

When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself but finds that various other animals, including a skunk, come to join him. It's raining cats and dogs! Good thing Rover is snuggled safe and dry inside his doghouse--until, one by one, a soggy menagerie of creatures show up looking for a cozy place to sit out the storm. But who's the very unwelcome surprise visitor? Skunk, of course. Suddenly that doghouse isn't quite so crowded after all!

Brown, Ruth. **The World That Jack Built.** (CBC E B8148w 1991)

In this variation on "The House that Jack Built," the cumulative text reveals that Jack's action of building a factory on his land has a damaging effect on his surroundings.

Casanova, Mary. **One-Dog Canoe.** (CBC E C2636o 2003)

A girl and her dog set out in their canoe one morning, only to be insistently joined by a series of animals, large and small.

Cole, Henry. **Jack's Garden.** (CBC E C6748j 1995)

Cumulative text and illustrations depict what happens in Jack's garden after he plants his seeds.

Cox, Lynn. **Crazy Alphabet.** (CBC E C8397c 1992)

A cumulative alphabet starting with an apple and ending with a Yowie who eats everything and bursts, leaving zero.

Dragonwagon, Crescent. **This is the Bread I Baked for Ned.** (CBC E D7876t 1989)

In this story told in cumulative verse, Glenda prepares a delicious meal for Ned which is quickly devoured by several hungry guests.

Hellen, Nancy. **The Bus Stop.** (CBC E H3675b 1988)

In this cumulative story, a diverse group of people with a variety of intentions wait for the bus, which finally comes. Features partial and cut-out pages.

Kalan, Robert. **Jump, Frog, Jump!** (CBC E K1247j)

A cumulative tale in which a frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.

Losi, Carol A. **The 512 Ants on Sullivan Street.** (CBC Fic L8977f 2006)

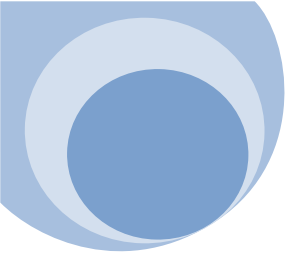
In this rhyming, cumulative story, the number of ants doubles each time they take a new treat from a picnic lunch.

Polacco, Patricia. **In Enzo's Splendid Gardens.** (CBC E P7566i 1997)

A cumulative rhyme describes the uproarious chain of events that ensue when a waiter trips over a book dropped by a boy watching a bee.

Robart, Rose. **The Cake That Mack Ate.** (CBC E R5328c 1986)

A cumulative tale about the chain of events surrounding the making of a cake by a farmer's wife, eventually leading to its consumption in surprising circumstances.



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Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Mice and Beans**. (CBC E R9572m 2001)

In this rhythmic cumulative tale Rosa Maria spends the week getting ready for her granddaughter's birthday party and trying to avoid attracting mice--unaware that the mice in her walls are preparing for a party of their own.

Shannon, George. **This is the Bird**. (CBC E Sh193th 1997)

A cumulative tale about a wooden bird carved by a little girl's maternal ancestor, and passed down lovingly from mother to daughter through the generations.

Taback, Sims. **This is the House that Jack Built**. (CBC 398.8 T1114t 2002)

This Caldecott winning illustrator of *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* once again applies his illustration mastery to a classic children's rhyme.

Van Laan, Nancy. **Possum Come a-Knockin'**. (CBC E V3225p 1990)

A cumulative tale in verse about a mysterious stranger that interrupts a family's daily routine.

Waber, Bernard. **Bearsie Bear and The Surprise Sleepover Party**. (CBC E W1112be 1997)

In a cumulative story, one animal after another asks to come in out of the winter cold to sleep in Bearsie Bear's big bed.

Westcott, Nadine Bernard. **I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly**. (CBC 811.5 W522i)

A retelling of the Little old lady who swallowed a fly.

Wood, Audrey. **The Napping House**. (CBC E W8502n 1984)

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.