AESOP’S FABLES IN ILLUSTRATED COLLECTIONS

The following list accompanies the Aesop fables in the Fables chapter to be found in the *Allyn & Bacon Anthology of Traditional Literature* edited by Judith V. Lechner, Allyn & Bacon, 2003.

There are numerous illustrated collections for children as well as picture book versions of individual tales. Besides those which retell Aesop’s fables there are also many contemporary spoofs and original fables using the classic model. A sampling of the book of fables for children include:


- Holder, Heidi. *Aesop’s Fables.* Viking, 1981. These are lavishly illustrated.

• Kraus, Robert. Fables Aesop Never Wrote But Robert Kraus Did. Viking, 1994. These are humorous and ironic interpretations.
• Orgel, Doris. The Lion and the Mouse and Other Aesop’s Fables. Illustrated by Bert Kitchen. Dorling Kindersley, 2000. Twelve well known fables are beautifully illustrated.
• Ross, Tony. Foxy Fables. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Dial, 1986. These are humorous interpretations.

Humorous take-offs and original fables include:

• Anno, Mitsumasa. Anno’s Aesop: A Book of Fables by Aesop and Mr. Fox. Orchard, 1989. What makes these delightful is that along with the traditional fables we get non-literate Mr. Fox’s ‘reading’ based on the illustrations. A good way to notice the conventions we take for granted when reading pictures.
• Fox, Mem. Feathers and Fools. Illustrated by Nicholas Wilton. Harcourt Brace, 1996. This original fable points up the foolishness of war.