Different Versions of the Same Fairy Tale

Why?

When you invite children to read different versions of the same fairy tale, you
• lessen their confusion about the “right” story line.
• help them recognize various cultures.
• reinforce the unique characteristics of fairy tales.
• invite them to form opinions about literature.

How?

1. Introduce one story, discussing the title, author, and illustrations.
2. Read and discuss the story with your child.
3. Repeat steps one and two for the second and third story.
4. Invite your child to compare the stories, explaining their similarities and differences.
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6. If you wish, compare the stories to a movie or television version.
7. Ask your child to think of his or her own version of the fairy tale.

Materials:
• two or three versions of the same fairy tale

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