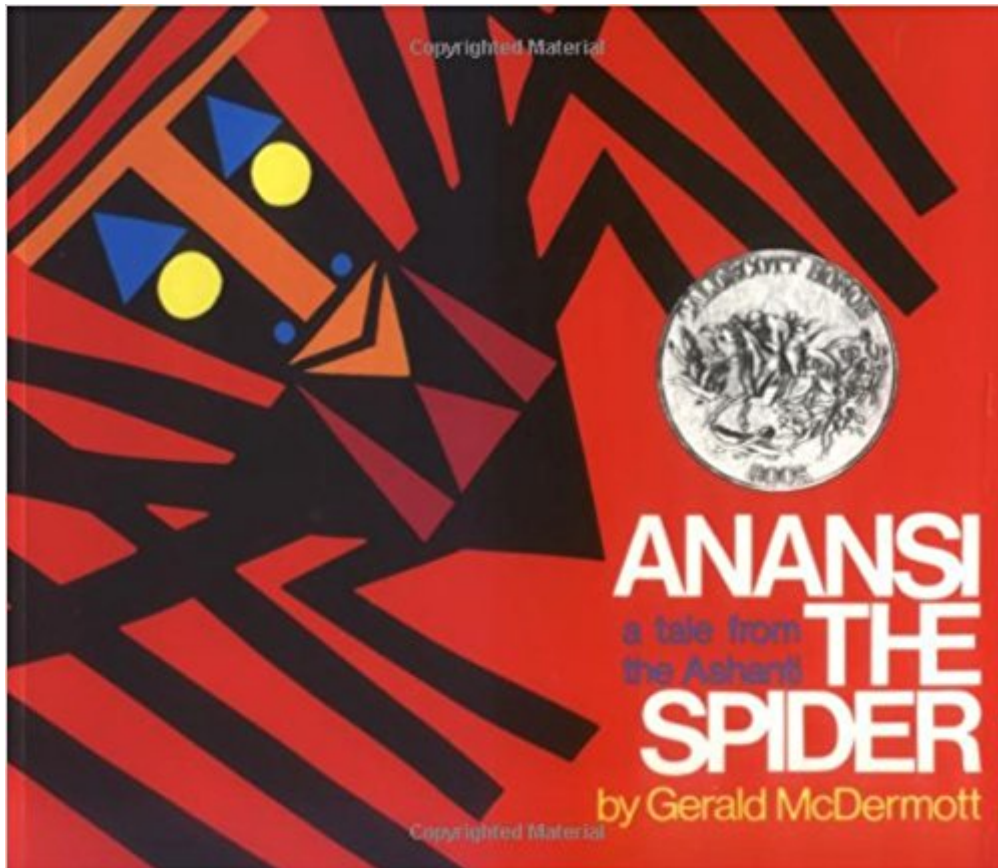


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# Anansi The Spider: A Tale From The Ashanti



## Synopsis

Anansi the Spider is one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischief maker, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes. In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? Calling upon Nyame, the God of All Things, Anansi solves his predicament in a touching and highly resourceful fashion. In adapting this popular folktale, Gerald McDermott merges the old with the new, combining bold, rich color with traditional African design motifs and authentic Ashanti language rhythms. *Anansi the Spider* is a 1973 Caldecott Honor Book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

*Anansi the Spider* is a wise, funny, mischievous, and loveable folk hero who pops up in traditional Ashanti tales from Ghana, in West Africa. This story, retold and illustrated by Gerald McDermott, relates the tale of father Anansi and his six spider sons. When Anansi sets out on a dangerous journey and gets into all sorts of trouble, each son does one thing to help, and all their efforts together save their father. He finds a mysterious, beautiful globe of light in the forest, and decides to make it a gift of thanks. But which son should receive the prize? Even with the help of Nyame, the

God of All Things, he can't decide, so Nyame takes the great globe up into the sky, and that's where it has stayed ever since--the moon, for all to see. This profound story reaches children of many ages; younger ones see it as an exciting rescue story, but older children are intrigued by the larger themes of cooperation and "the whole being more than its parts." Anansi the Spider, McDermott's first book, received immediate acclaim and was named a Caldecott Honor Book. McDermott has retold and illustrated many other folktales and myths during his long career, including Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale, which received the Caldecott Medal, Musicians of the Sun, and a series of trickster folktales from around the world. He has a rare combination of skills, being both a gifted writer and a talented artist. His distinctive graphic style using bold shapes and brilliant colors is always striking, but is especially well suited to the story of Anansi, with traditional African motifs skillfully integrated throughout the art. This is a story that can be read over and over again! (Ages 4 to 9) --Marcie Bovetz --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

A clever folk hero proves himself resourceful in this bold and poetic tale. Ages 5-8. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

We love Anansi and we so glad to be able to find the books here.

kid loves it (3y) and once we found the old cartoon that accompanies it on youtube it took on an extra magic.

My grandson loves these "trickster-type books.

One of the all time best books.

i used to read this book as a child and after a friend of mine returned from africa she said she never heard of the story so i bought her the book, she loved it too.

I love Gerald McDermott and how his books are so full of color and good story!

Gerald McDermott is responsible for most of your childhood memories -- that is, if you grew up in the 70s. He did bunches of stuff for Electric Company. You must own this classic or else there will be a whole in your childhood history and you will feel it.... I'm only exaggerating a little....

It was missing pages from the story so the book was useless and a waste of money

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