

Books

Unit 3 - Russia and Vegetables

Stone Soup by Jon Muth. (Scholastic, 2003. Hardcover.)

Three strangers, hungry and tired, pass through a war-torn village. Embittered and suspicious from the war, the people hide their food and close their windows tight—that is, until the clever strangers suggest making a soup from stones. Intrigued by the idea, everyone brings what they have until together they have made a feast fit for a king! In this inspiring story about the strength people possess when they work together, Muth takes a simple, beloved tale and adds his own fresh twist.

* *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens. (Harcourt Children's Books, 1995. Hardcover.)

A delightful folk tale about a lazy bear and the clever hare that uses his wits to bring in a bountiful harvest for his family.

The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin. (Talewind, 1999. Paperback.)

A little girl thinks her mother's garden is the ugliest in the neighborhood until she discovers that flowers might look and smell pretty, but Chinese vegetable soup smells best of all.

**The Enormous Turnip* by Alexei Tolstoy. (Green Light Readers, 2003. Paperback.)

They pull and pull again, but will they ever pull that turnip up? Bright colors and bold illustrations bring life to this classic Russian Folktale.

* recommended other books to use

