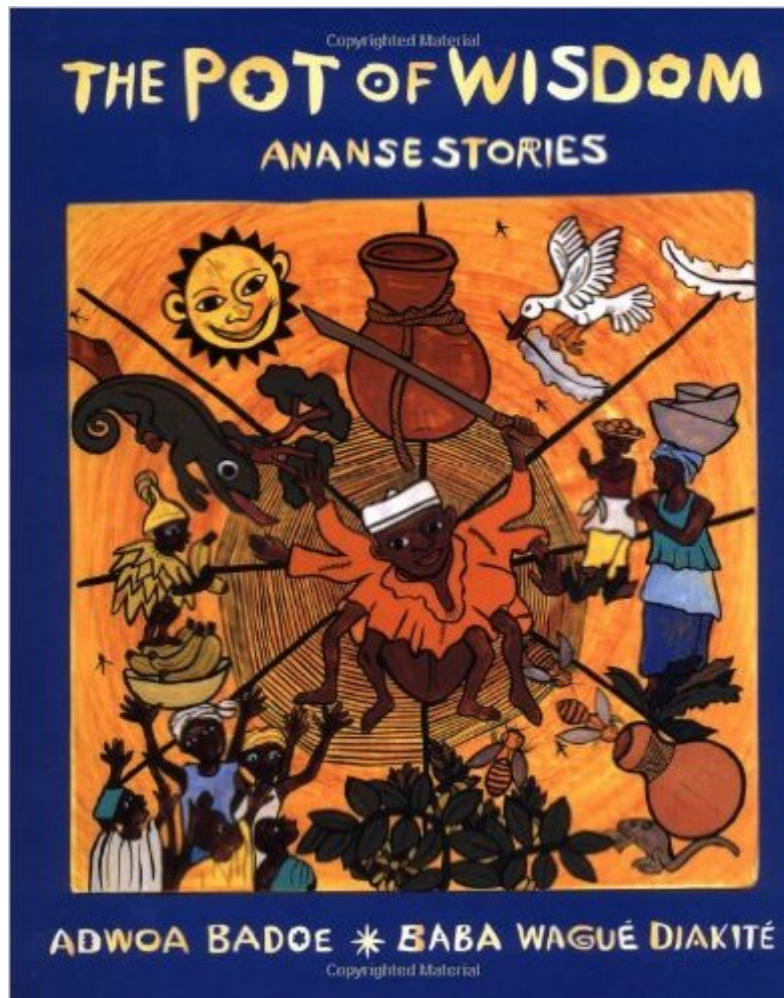


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# The Pot Of Wisdom: Ananse Stories



## Synopsis

One of the major figures in African folklore is the round-bellied trickster-spider Ananse, who outwits enemies large and small. With *The Pot of Wisdom*, a wider audience can enjoy these delightful tales. Adwoa Badoe's witty retellings and Baba Wague Diakite's colorful images bring Ananse and his amusing and instructive adventures to life.

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This little book contains a fantastic, fun collection of Ananse stories that are as delightful as they are thought-provoking. The trickster tales are definitely worth sharing with any class that is studying African culture, folklore, storytelling, universal themes, etc. Black & White as well as color illustrations compliment the stories and add some unique cultural flavor. Here's the list of included stories and my brief comment on each:

**Why Ananse Lives On The Ceiling:** This story reminds me of the Tar Baby tale! Ananse's sons try to outwit a thief and receive a surprise...guess who!

**Ananse and the Feeding Pot:** This is my favorite story. Greedy, jealous Ananse tries to grab some glory for himself after his son's successful adventure in acquiring food for the village.

**Ananse Becomes the Owner of Stories:** Ananse wants to be remembered and sung as one of the culture's great heroes. To do this, he sets out to possess all the best stories. (This story is very similar to "Anansi Does the Impossible: An Ashanti Tale" by Verna Aardema.)

**Ananse, the Even-handed Judge:** Ananse receives two invitations to two important life events. How can he fulfill both appointments? (This story is similar to "Anansi Goes to Lunch" by Bobby & Sherry Norfolk.)

**Ananse, the Forgetful Guest:**

The wily spider must wriggle his way out of his own web of lies in order to save face and not offend his royal host. The Mat Confidences: Ananse wins a prized wife through cleverness. Can he keep her when she learns the truth? Ananse and the Pot of Wisdom: The Proudful spider learns a valuable lesson about bragging and self-importance.

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