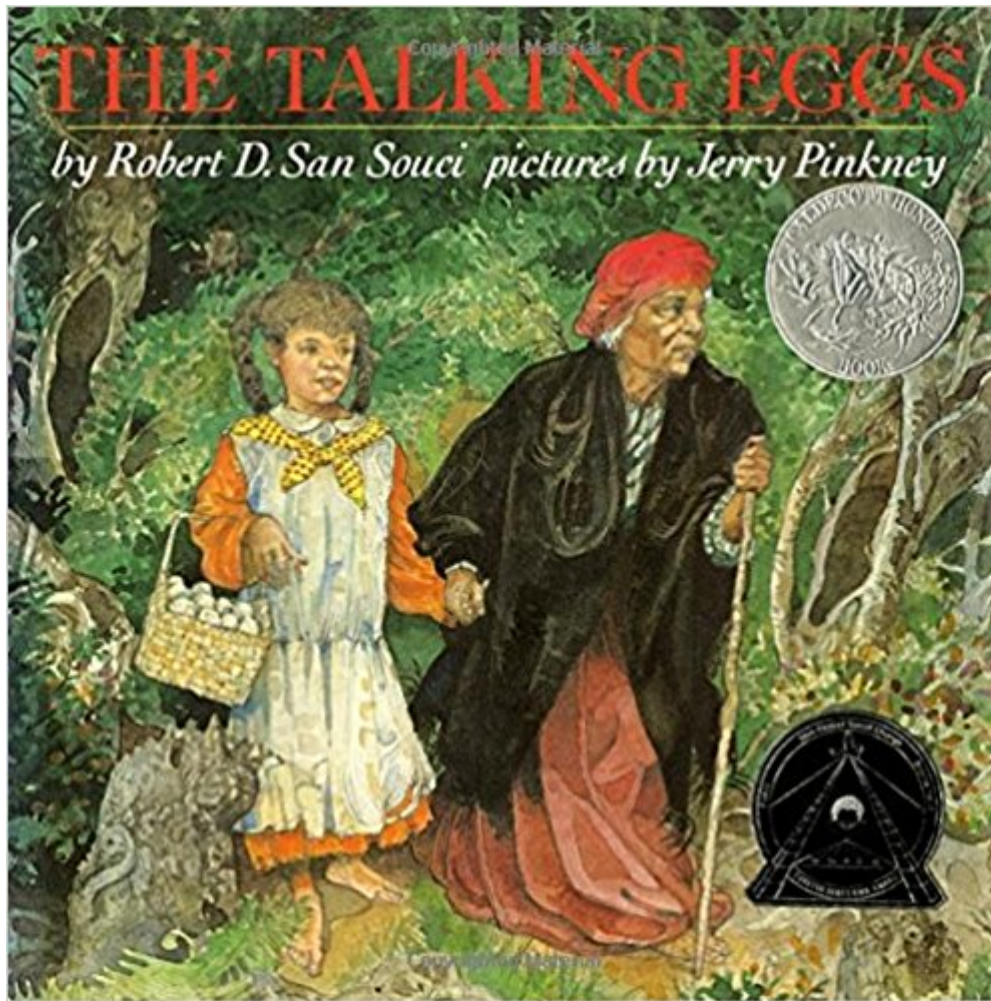




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# The Talking Eggs



## Synopsis

The author of such delights as *The Christmas Ark* and *The Enchanted Tapestry* joins forces with illustrator Pinkney to resurrect a colorful folktale that captures the unique flavor of the American South. A 1989 Caldecott Honor Book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Two sisters lived down Louisiana way long ago: Rose, who was unpleasant, mean, and the older of the two; and her younger sister, Blanche, who was "sweet and kind and sharp as forty crickets." Guess who has to do all the work for Rose and their mother? Blanche's kind and obedient nature finally pays off when she helps an old woman who has magical powers--and a chicken house full of talking eggs containing treasures for those who do as they're told: gold and silver, jewels, silk dresses, satin shoes, "even a handsome carriage that grew in a wink from the size of a matchbox...." Robert D. San Souci's lively, humorous retelling of this Creole folktale abounds with colorful expressions, and Jerry Pinkney's full-page illustrations make us believe in the marvels that Blanche finds, even the two-headed cow, square-dancing rabbits, and rainbow-colored chickens! This inspired collaboration, a 1989 Caldecott Honor Book, will delight young readers who like a captivating story with a strong heroine and a dash of mystery. (Ages 5 to 10) --Marcie Bovetz

In this adaptation of a Creole folktale, Blanche is kind, loving and patient, but her older sister Rose takes after their mean, sneaky mother. One day Blanche befriends a hideous old "aunty" on a path near her home and is rewarded with magic eggs. Of course, Rose and the girls' mother are beside themselves with envy, and Rose sets out to snag some eggs of her own. But greedy Rose's cruel nature gets her into trouble. She torments the old lady, grabs the wrong eggs and ends up "angry, sore and stung." Pinkney's exquisitely wrought illustrations are close cousins to those in his Caldecott Honor Book *Mirandy and Brother Wind*, with similar woodlands and soft farmyard settings of the rural South. When the magic begins, the witch takes off her head, dressed-up rabbits do the Virginia reel and eggs begin to chatter. There are some spectacular scenes here. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Works great

Love Love Love this product it has met all of my expectations.

don't like the fact one has to submerge it in water first, but it does put a nice edge on it

This book was an Easter gift for my grandchildren. When my son and daughter looked at the cover, so many childhood memories came flooding back of their librarian reading this book to them in elementary school. This is an oldie but goody. Every southern child needs to read this as a part of their heritage. Happy reading.

The story is based on an old Eastern European folk tale. Well told, beautifully illustrated. I read it to my grandchildren when they were quite young and they enjoyed it so much that one of them, expecting her first baby soon, has asked me to send her a copy so she can continue the tradition.

Great stone very flat and easy to use

Very nice sheets. I have washed these several times and they keep their shape and do not pill. Work the price.

I've loved this book since they showed it on Reading Rainbow, it brings back so many childhood

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