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Like all its other offerings, the **Best Loved Tales for Africa series – comprising six books for young readers – is entirely southern African in content, idiom, illustration and style.**

Each story is based on a tale more familiar perhaps to European readers; each has been lovingly reworked to appeal to the children of this country. In *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, the

ugly green monster blocking the way to a sweet green koppie, has eyes that gleam “like ripe mangoes”.

On his important journey to self-discovery, *The Ugly Duckling* meets a flock of noisy, unkind hadedas.

And preparing to search for ingredients to bake some bread, *The Little Red Hen* resolutely ties a doek under her chin. Even the

story that may be the most unfamiliar, *The little girl who didn't want to grow up* – a rewriting of Gianni Rodari's Tinarina – stars a local heroine called Ayanda, who lives in a rural village that will be familiar to many young readers.

Each book in the six-part series partners simple text with entrancing illustrations – a commitment, says series editor Carole Bloch, to “the thousands of little children in Africa who want more and more storybooks”, and a comfort to those of us who still believe in the power of the printed page over the digital word. Each book is available in a variety of our official languages, and I loved the message on the back covers:

**“Read aloud, read together, read alone,
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The Three Billy Goats Gruff

The Ugly Duckling (Sheet B1)

The Little Red Hen

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- The little girl who didn't want to grow up (ISBN: 978-1-77009-819-0)
- The Ugly Duckling (ISBN: 978-1-77009-823-7)
- The Little Red Hen (ISBN: 978-1-77009-821-3)
- The Hyena and the Seven Little Kids (ISBN: 978-1-77009-820-6)
- The Magic Fish (ISBN: 978-1-77009-822-0)