

# One might begin a grand story

like this...

Ask your readers/viewers/listeners to identify the books that begin with the following lines.

1. “Where’s Papa going with that ax?” said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.
2. When I leave home to walk to school, Dad always says to me, “Marco, keep your eyelids up and see what you can see.”
3. One day my momma told me, “You know you’re gonna have a little friend come stay with you.” And I said, “Who is it?”
4. Al, a nice man, a quiet man, a janitor, lived in one room on the West Side with his faithful dog, Eddie. They ate together. They worked together. They watched TV together. What could be so bad?
5. The tall man stood at the edge of the porch. The roof sagged from the two rough posts which held it, almost closing the gap between his head and the rafters.
6. Once upon a time there were four little Rabbits, and their names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-tail, and Peter. They lived with their Mother in a sand bank, underneath the root of a big fir tree.
7. The bird was dead when the children found it.
8. Once upon a time there was a bat – a little light brown bat, the color of coffee with cream in it.
9. Everybody knows the story of the Three Little Pigs. Or at least they think they do.

Answers: 1) *Charlotte’s Web*, E.B. White; 2) *And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, Dr. Seuss; 3) *Stevie*, John Steptoe; *Hey, AL*, Arthur Yorinks, Illus. By Richard Egielski; 5) *Sounder*, William H. Armstrong; 6) *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, Beatrix Potter; 7) *The Dead Bird*, Margaret Wise, Illustrated by Remy Charlip; 8) *The Bat Poet*, Randell Jarrell, Illustrated by Maurice Sendak; 9) *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, Jon Scieszka, Illustrated by Lane Smith.

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