



# ANANSI a tale from THE SPIDER

by Gerald McDermott

Anansi.  
He is "spider"  
to the Ashanti people.

In Ashanti land,  
people love this story  
of Kwaku Anansi.

Time was, Anansi had six sons....





First son  
was called  
See Trouble.  
He had the gift  
of seeing trouble  
a long way off.

Second son  
was  
Road Builder.

Thirsty son  
was  
River Drinker.





Anansi the Spider is one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischief-maker, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes.

In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? Calling upon Nyame, the God of All Things, Anansi solves his predicament in a touching and highly resourceful fashion.

In adapting this popular folktale, Gerald McDermott merges the old with the new, combining bold, rich color with traditional African design motifs and authentic Ashanti language rhythms.

**A Caldecott Honor Book**  
**An ALA Notable Book**

★ "The brief poetic text, complemented by geometric, African folk-style illustrations in pure, bold colors, provides a good introduction to this clever hero."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

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