


Gelman, Rita Golden. *Queen Esther Saves Her People*. Illustrated by Frane Lessac (Scholastic 1998, ISBN: 0-590-47025-6). Retells the story of how a beautiful Jewish girl became the Queen of Persia and saved her people from death at the hands of the evil Haman.


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Nerlove, Miriam. *Purim* (Albert Whitman, 1992). A young boy becomes caught up in the excitement of the Purim celebration as the rabbi relates the tale of the courageous Queen Esther and the evil Haman.


Schram, Peninnah. *The Purim Costume*. Illustrated by Tammy L. Keiser (URJ, 2001; 0-8074-0874-3). When Rebecca chooses a new Purim costume, she learn about the importance of Vashti to the events of the holiday.


Simon, Norma. *Happy Purim Night*. Illustrations by Ayala Gordon (United Synagogue, 1959). Ruth and David make hamantashen, hear the megillah, twirl groggers, dress up in costumes, and enjoy the holiday with their family.

Simpson, Lesley. *The Purim Surprise*. Illustrated by Peter Church. (Kar-Ben, 2004. ISBN: 1-58013-090-9). Naomi and her mother have moved to a new town right before Purim and Naomi’s birthday. She reluctantly agrees to help deliver the Mishloach Manot to strangers. But Naomi’s mother has tucked a secret invitation into them, so everyone comes to their new home for a birthday and Purim party. The book illustrates the true meaning of the holiday as well as a child’s concerns about moving and having her birthday remembered.


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