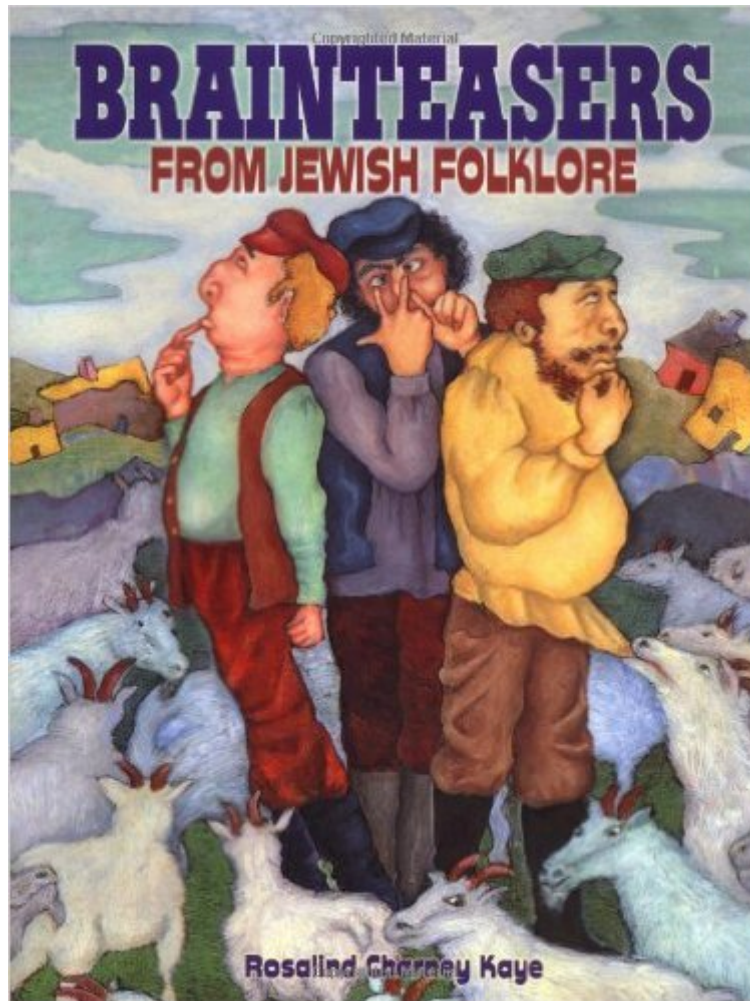


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# Brain teasers From Jewish Folklore (Folktales)



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