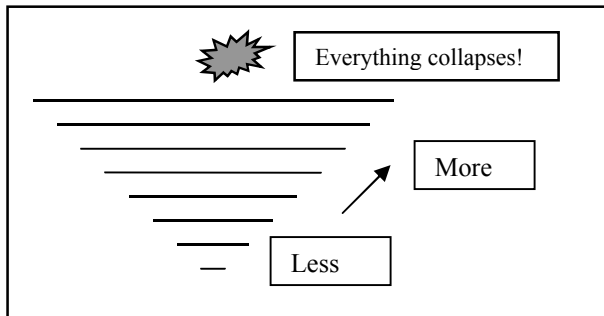
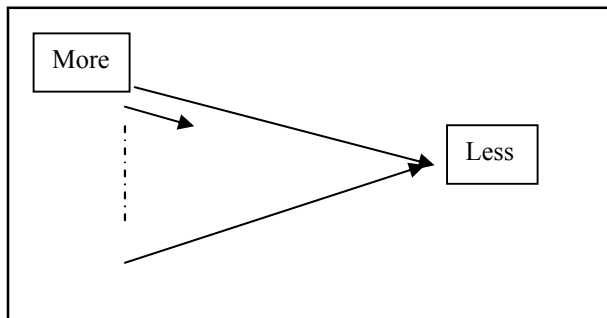


Simple Plot Structures: (And picture book/story examples.)*



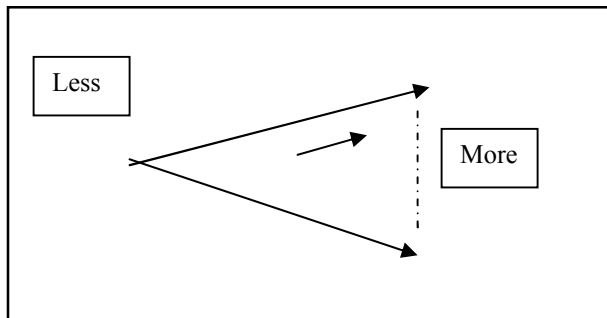
1. Cumulative→Toppling Structure:

- 📖 (Traditional) "The House that Jack Built."
- 📖 Greene. *This is the Teacher.*
- 📖 Polacco. *In Enzo's Splendid Gardens.*
- 📖 Robart. *The Cake That Mack Ate.*



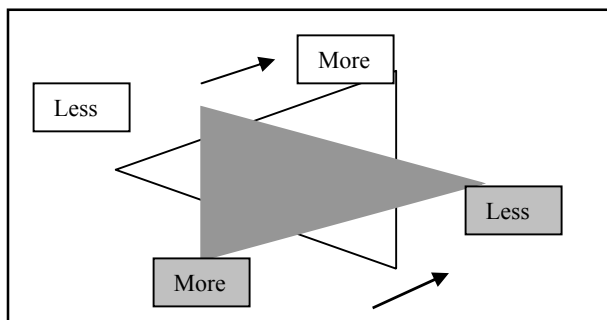
2. Decreasing Structure:

- 📖 (Traditional) "The Tailor."
- 📖 (Traditional) "Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed."
- 📖 Schaefer. *The Biggest Soap.*
- 📖 Wells. *Bunny Money.*



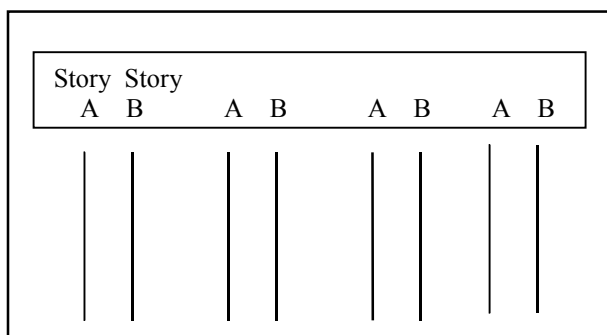
3. Increasing Structure:

- 📖 (Traditional) "The Little Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly."
- 📖 Feiffer. *Bark, George.*
- 📖 Ginsburg. *Mushroom in the Rain.*
- 📖 Grossman. *My Little Sister Ate One Hare.*



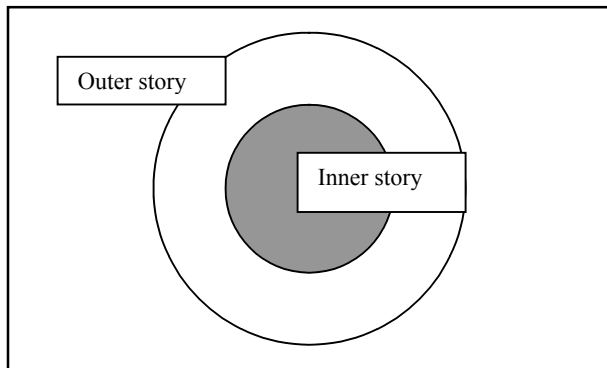
4. Simultaneously Increasing and Decreasing Structure:

- 📖 Crum. *The House in the Meadow.*
- 📖 Gilman. *Something from Nothing.*
- 📖 Hutchins. *The Doorbell Rang.*



5. Parallel Structure:

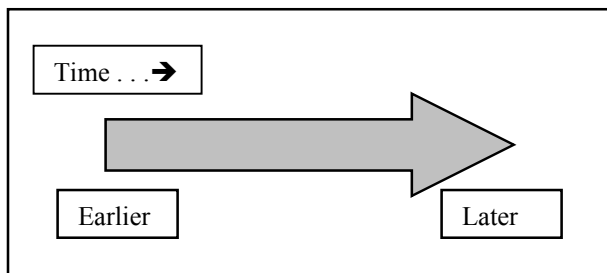
- 📖 Asch. *Just Like Daddy.*
- 📖 Crum. *Click!*
- 📖 Noble. *Meanwhile Back at the Ranch.*



6. Story Within a Story Structure:

(For more sophisticated writers, the outer and inner stories may have varied plot structures.)

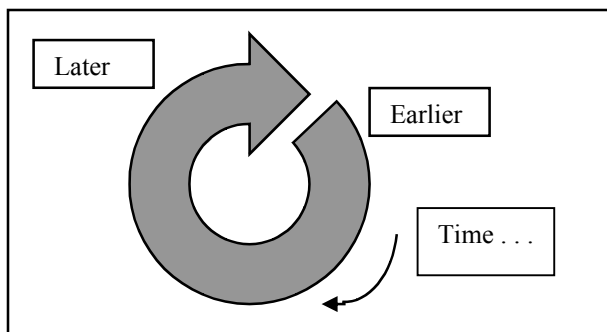
- 📖 Noble. *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash.*
- 📖 Wiesner. *Three Little Pigs.*
- 📖 Say. *Kamishibai Man.*
- 📖 Yashina. *Seashore Story.*



7. Time Line Structures:

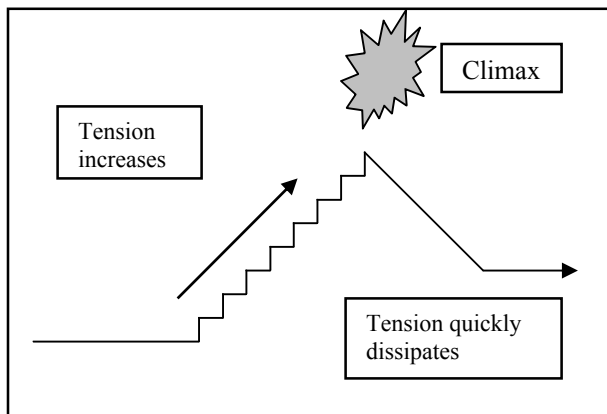
7A. Straight time line:

- 📖 Arnosky. *Every Autumn Comes the Bear.*
- 📖 Carle. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar.*
- 📖 Zimmerman. *Trashy Town.*



7B. Around the clock or full circle:

- 📖 Martin. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.*
- 📖 Numeroff. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.*
- 📖 Sanfield. *Bit by Bit.*
- 📖 Wheeler. *Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum.*



8. Traditional Rising Action

Structure: (Exposition, rising action, climax, denouement)

- 📖 Crum. *Who Took My Hairy Toe?*
- 📖 Stanley. *Saving Sweetness.*
- 📖 Yorinks. *Company's Coming.*