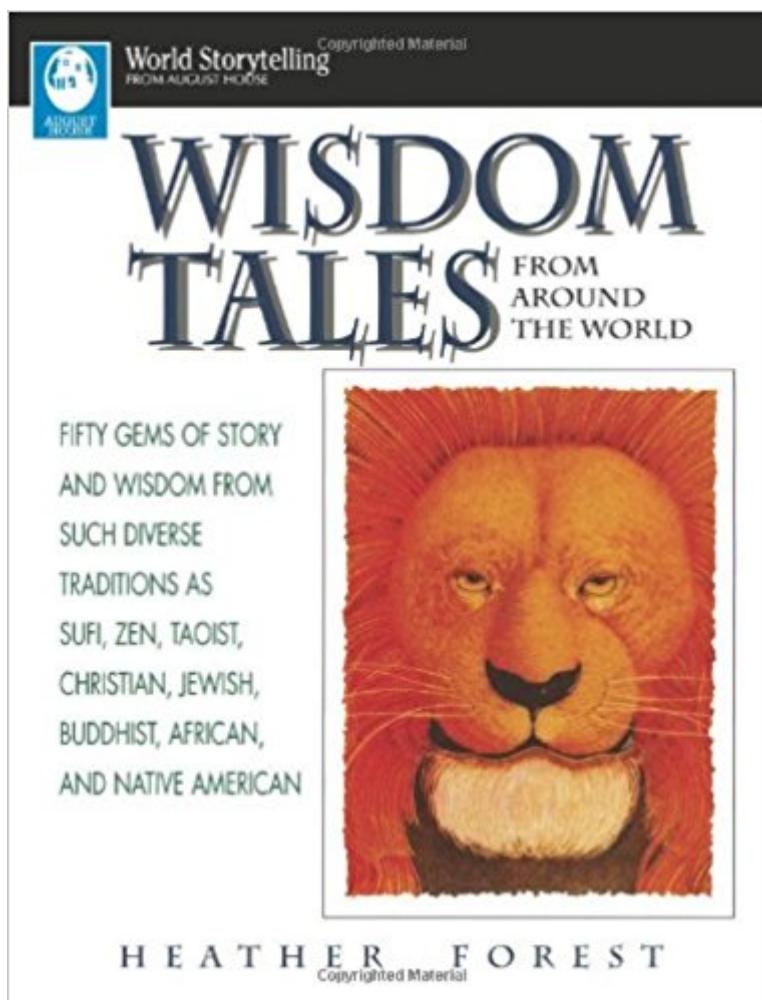


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# Wisdom Tales From Around The World (World Storytelling From August House)



## Synopsis

This collection of fifty folktales and parables was selected from diverse story traditions such as Sufi, Zen, Taoist, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, African, and Native American. Comprised of ancient plots both poignant and comical, this anthology contains simple truths, common sense, and the promise that we can benefit from past generations' experience. By metaphorically suggesting constructive strategies for living, these ancient tales resonate with a universal appeal. "The characters in these stories may gain wisdom by observing a good example or by bumbling through their own folly," Heather Forest observes. "I hope these stories will provide discussion and offer insight into joys, sorrows, fears and farce of human experience." Wisdom tales offer useful insights into life's joys and sorrows that all of us experience.

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## Customer Reviews

For long winter nights Those who get fed up with holiday cheer can turn to darker entertainments with the ghost stories of Haunts: Five Hair-Raising Tales by Angela Shelf Medearis, illus. by Trina Schart Hyman. The lively stories, several of them set in Texas, feature a spell-binding fiddler, a dancer who won't stop and a talking cat. The swirling, shadowy black-and-white illustrations add a

mildly spooky edge. Storytelling of a more uplifting nature is offered in *Wisdom Tales from Around the World* by Heather Forest. Culled from such diverse traditions as Taoist parables, the Panchatantra of ancient India, the Bible and European folktales, the 50 entries, says Forest in an introduction, "pass down homespun wisdom encased in stories." The tales are often no more than a few paragraphs in length, and rarely more than two or three pages. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

YA. Forest retells folktales, proverbs, and parables in a thoughtful and satisfying style that amuses as it deftly imparts lessons for living. While the stories are often universal, they reflect their cultural and religious roots. The explanatory notes for each section and tale add insights for better understanding. There are times when keeping one's mouth shut can literally save one's life, as in "The Talkative Turtle." "A Flock of Birds" tells what happens when we fail to cooperate with others. "How War Was Ended" is an inspirational peace tale. This collection is too good to sit on the 398.2 shelves. It contains sources and has applications for classes in creative writing, multicultural studies, sociology, ethics, world civilizations, and for Sunday School. Although the format and cover seem geared to younger readers, the subtlety in many of the stories is right for YAs. They will see that under the seemingly simple surfaces of the tales lie deeper layers to plumb. ?Judy Sokoll, formerly at Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Fun to read, morals to learn, from many cultures, many civilizations, probably even 5000 years old. I remember reading many of these stories as a child from various sources, in various languages. This book has put them together in simple English. If you want a better world for your children, and wish they grow up to be good and wise humans, give them this sort of books to read at a young age, or read these stories for them. I liked how the author modified the stories and added short rhymes at the end. It is easier to memorize them. I wish people would write more such nice tales and make more of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood sort of show. Now a days there is way too much crazy and violent material on TV shows, cartoons, comic books, toys and video games, that is bad for the kids, we all know. We have to act; Please give them something good. Knowledge and peace to the world! DRRS

I have bought this for my youngest granddaughter after watching an older granddaughter enjoy it for years.

What a wonderful book! I read a few of these to my 9 yo son at bed time each night. We take a moment to think about each one and then talk about it. It has really opened up the lines of communication between us and encouraged him to think about what he values. Love it!

I heard a summary of one of the stories from a speaker and thought it sounded interesting. It will make for some good illustrations when I need a global illustration. It's helpful to hear wisdom from other traditions other than just the western.

I have really enjoyed this book. I teach Adult English for students studying for their GED. We have used many of these tales for class material.

This book is really interesting.

Nice value, smooth transaction, this was a good value and a nice tool to use as you study genres in the classroom with your students and need examples.

I am a school counselor and discovered that not only the students enjoyed the stories but the teachers did too. A good way to introduce children to different cultures while learning important lessons in life. The stories were excellent starting points for quality and thoughtful dialogue.

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