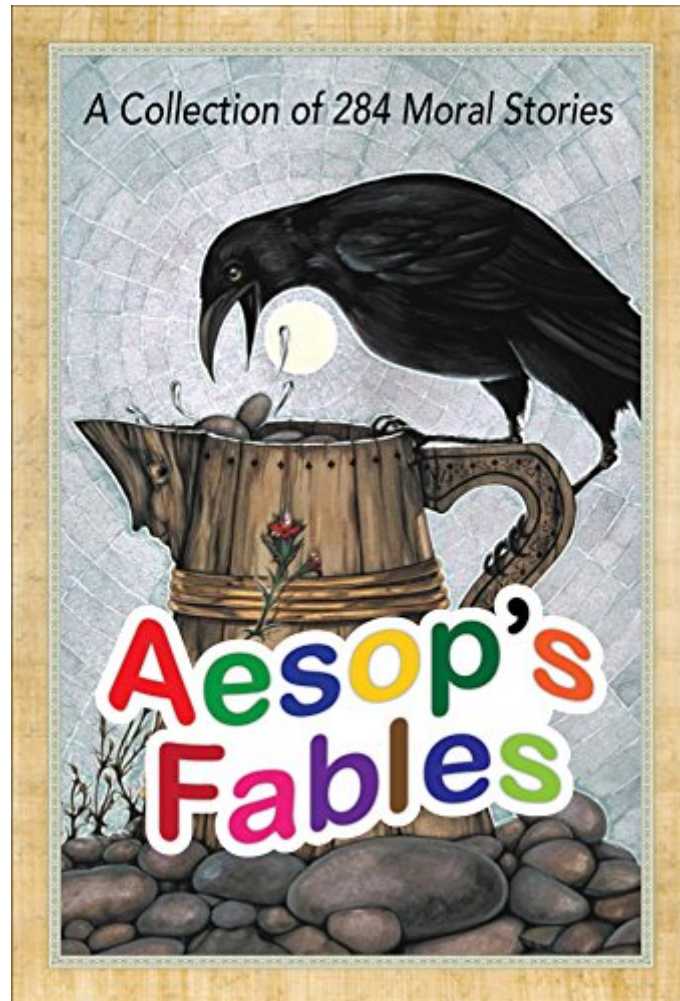




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Aesop's Fables



Synopsis

Meet a jealous donkey, a tortoise who wants to fly, a very special goose and many other animals in this collection of tales, retold especially for children. Aesop's fables are the perfect way to learn important lessons about life through the adventures of some unforgettable animal friends. For centuries, children and adults have treasured the stories handed down by Aesop, a slave who lived in ancient Greece approximately six centuries B.C. Known for their charm and simplicity, these simple tales feature brief adventures of animals, birds, and beasts with a message hidden in each narrative. With infamous vignettes, such as the race between the hare and the tortoise, the vain jackdaw, and the wolf in sheep's clothing, the themes of the fables remain as fresh today as when they were first told and give an insight into the Ancient Greek world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Aesop (620–564 BCE) was an Ancient Greek fabulist or story teller credited with a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop's Fables. Although his existence remains uncertain and (if they ever existed) no writings by him survive, numerous tales credited to him were gathered across the centuries and in many languages in a storytelling tradition that continues to this day. Many of the tales are characterized by animals and inanimate objects that speak, solve problems, and generally have human characteristics. Scattered details of Aesop's life can be found in ancient sources. An ancient literary work called 'The Aesop Romance' tells an episodic, probably highly fictional version of his life, including the traditional description of him as a strikingly ugly slave who by his cleverness acquires freedom and becomes an adviser to kings and city-states.

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Aesop, [620 - 560 B.C.] Ambassador to King Croesus, didn't write down his fables, but they were so well received as stories that they were handed down from generation to generation and country to country to the present day. This handsome 1999 edition, The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables beautifully illustrated by Don Daily [1940- 2002 A.D.] sets out Aesop's best loved stories and their moral message to delight and inform children of all ages.

I had never read these in their entirety. Everyone should. There is humor, wisdom, and life application. There were a couple for which I didn't get the point. Just put it on your kindle and read a few every night before sleep. Peace.

I grew up with a few of Aesop's fables and their wise stories have remained embedded in my memory from which I draw on to make judgments on everyday situations in my life. This book contains a wider collection of such stories which should prove most useful for both children and adults. Apart from the book of "PROVERBS" in the bible, Aesop's Fables give a clear illustration of particular situations which occur in everyday life and has a greater tendency to remain fixated in your memory. This book is a literary treasure.

incomplete fables. Far too many omitted. I had a much better book in my childhood.

I purchased for my grandson." The stories are short and we have a little talk about what the story means and what he might do "if" this happened or that happened. Good teaching/learning material

A Glorious Collection: I love reading these stories. They are true and useful and clearly informed by a vast quantity of intelligently processed, and deeply felt, experience--much of it bitter.

I love the fables. As a child the family had a small book of the well known ones. Here is a book of all of them -- anyway all that are known. Great book!

It's definitely a beautiful and well built book It's sturdy and as a hard cover will last a long time. The artwork within is simple and non-distracting but still very nice and displays the story through an artistic viewpoint very well. The text is quite large but not so large that it would make an unsightly book but large enough that anyone with a disability or anyone who needs reading glasses would find the task much easier. It includes most of the classic text but some not the original. All around a beautiful book and a wonderful purchase. The delivery guy could have been less of a jerk and the packaging could have been nicer because some of my pages are bent.

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