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**Buddhist Animal Wisdom Stories**-Mark W. McGinnis 2004 Collects more than forty animal tales illustrating such virtues as loyalty and self-discipline and examining such shortcomings as greed and pride.

**Buddha at Bedtime**-Dharmachari Nagaraja 2010-01-01 Building on the age-old art of storytelling, this beautiful book retells 20 ancient Buddhist tales in a way that will aid relaxation and prepare your child for sleep.

**Kindness**-Sarah Conover 2010 Collection of traditional Buddhist tales following the Buddha through his various prior births.

**Wisdom Of The Crows And Other Buddhist Tales**-Sherab Chodzin 1997-10-01 A collection of thirteen retold Buddhist tales from all over Asia, illustrating various aspects of Buddhist thought.

**Unfortunate Destiny**-Reiko Ohnuma 2017 This book constitutes the first major study of Indian Buddhist ideas about nonhuman animals and the roles played by animal characters in Buddhist literature.

**Endless Path**-Rafe Martin 2011-03-15 \*\*\*WINNER, 2011 Storytelling World Resource Award - Best Storytelling Collection The jataka tales—stories of the Buddha’s past lives (in both human and animal form)—were first said to have been told by the Buddha himself 2,500 years ago. Five hundred and fifty jataka tales comprise part of the oldest Buddhist text, the Pali Canon. From this wealth of folklore, award-winning author and storyteller Rafe Martin has chosen ten tales that illustrate the ideals of the Buddhist paramitas, or “perfections” of character: giving, morality, forbearance, vitality, focused meditation, wisdom, compassionate skillful means, resolve, strength, and knowledge. Artist and designer Richard Wehrman helps bring the spirit of these stories alive with rich illustrations that open each chapter. Endless Path presents these ancient stories, usually reduced to children’s tales in the West, for adults, reconnecting modern seekers with the more imaginative roots of Buddhism. The jatakas help readers see their own lives, their failures and renewed efforts, in the same light as the challenges the Buddha faced—not as obstacles but as opportunities for developing character and self-understanding. Endless Path demonstrates the relevance of these tales to Buddhist lay practitioners today, as well as to those more broadly interested in Buddhist teaching and the ancient art of storytelling. From the Trade Paperback edition.

**Little Buddhas**-Vanessa R. Sasson 2012-12-06 Edited by Vanessa R. Sasson, Little Buddhas brings together a wide range of scholarship and expertise to address the question of what role children have played in Buddhist literature, in particular historical contexts, and their role in specific Buddhist contexts today.

**Shambhala Sun**- 2004

**The Dhammapada**-Gil Fronsdal 2008-01-11 The Dhammapada is the most revered sacred text in the Buddhist world. Attributed to the Buddha himself, the inspirational verses that comprise it convey the fundamental Buddhist teachings with great power and simplicity, and with an appeal that extends far beyond Buddhism. As a scholar, meditator, and Dharma teacher, Gil Fronsdal offers a depth of appreciation and reverence for the text that is informed by both academic rigor and the sincerity born from years of spiritual practice.

**Wisdom Tales from Around the World**-Heather Forest 1996 A collection of traditional stories from around the world, reflecting the cumulative wisdom of Sufi, Zen, Taoist, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, African, and Native American cultures.

**The Calm Buddha at Bedtime**-Dharmachari Nagaraja 2017-11-16 Growing up in the modern world, our children have to cope with an ever-increasing amount of stress, which can feel worrying to both them and us. The ancient wisdom of Buddhism, with its emphasis on peace, mindfulness and compassion, is the ideal basis for helping any child face these challenges with inner confidence and calm. Building on the age-old art of storytelling, this beautiful book retells 18 ancient Buddhist tales in a way that is thoroughly fun and accessible to children. Featuring original, full-page illustrations, the stories will transport children into imaginary worlds of enlightenment and discovery. Here, they will meet all sorts of delightful characters and discover easy-to-understand Buddhist messages that will empower them to think about how they can apply values such as patience, honesty, authenticity and generosity in their own lives. Designed either to be read aloud by parents to their 4–8 year olds or to be read by the older age range on their own, these compelling narratives help to focus and calm the mind, providing a soothing transition into sleep. And the selection of gentle mindfulness meditations at the end provides an extra practical dimension that can be used at any time to help enhance a sense of a calm and contentment.

**Virtuous Heart**-Leza Lowitz 2019-07 "Virtuous Heart: Twelve Buddhist Stories to Awaken and Inspire," offers a beautiful selection of ancient wisdom tales of the Buddha updated for our times. In these stories, Buddha is incarnated as the devoted elephant, the patient ox, the compassionate snake, the sorry sun, and more, to teach humans about devotion, kindness, honesty, loyalty, forgiveness, compassion, humility, and self-sacrifice. These beautiful stories appeal to the soft heart within each of us-the virtuous heart that radiates truth, beauty, love, and connection in its care for all beings on this fragile earth.\*\*\*\*\*"In this evocative retelling of these classic Buddhist morality tales, each fable starts with the relatable, all-too-human cravings of the villain-a twist that makes all the more touching the transformations wrought by the compassion of the awakened animal teachers. Pairing Leza Lowitz’s deft prose with the delicate brushstrokes of Amanda Giacomini’s illustrations, these stories are tuned to delight seekers of all ages."-Anne Cushman, author of "The Mama Sutra: A Story of Love, Loss, and the Path of Motherhood"\*\*\*\*\*"These simple, beautifully written and illustrated folk tales, based on stories from the Pali scriptures, are among some of the oldest recorded stories in the world. If you are not already familiar with them-as I wasn't-I promise you will find them delightful. While charming in their own right, they also embody everyday wisdom (the Buddha reportedly used them to illustrate his teachings) that will inspire all of us, of any age or spiritual back-ground, to endeavor to become our best selves."-Nina Zolotow, co-author of "Yoga for Healthy Aging: A Guide to Lifelong Well-Being" and Editor-in-Chief of the "Yoga for Healthy Aging" blog\*\*\*\*\*"VIRTUOUS HEART will make you remember the wisdom of animals with very human lessons you'll never forget. So powerful, resonant and needed today!"-Jennifer Pastloff, author of "On Being Human: A Memoir of Waking Up, Living Real, and Listening Hard"

**Prince Siddhartha**-Jonathan Landaw 2011-10-11 Recounts the major events in the life of Prince Siddhartha, how he became Buddha, the Awakened One, and some of the teachings that he left behind.

**101 Buddha Stories**-Om Books Editorial Team 2009 Buddhist parables for children.

**The Show-Off Monkey and Other Taoist Tales**-Mark W. McGinnis 2017 These offbeat and often humorous Taoist wisdom tales, inspired by the teachings of philosopher Chuang Tzu (fourth century BCE), will be as engaging for adults as they will be for children. The stories are interactions between a Taoist sage and his students. The sage uses these stories to encourage his students to learn from, and live harmoniously with the natural world. This unique book explores the qualities of humility, modesty, simplicity, acceptance, contentment, and nonresistance, among others, in a way that will interest younger readers; older children will be able to grasp the deeper meaning of the parables, and get a taste of the Taoist view. Some of the morals are- To live in harmony with nature is the true path to happiness and contentment. What is good in life is not always obvious. Beauty is in the eyes and mind of the beholder. If we are true to who we are, we will naturally find what is right. Arrogance can lead to disaster.

**Tales of Wisdom and Justice**-Pleasant DeSpain 2002 A collection of short folktales from Mexico, Israel, Poland, and other places, demonstrating wisdom and justice.

**In the Garden of Our Minds and Other Buddhist Stories**-Michelle Lynn Johnson-Weider 2013-06-01 "A modern Western family with two rambunctious young children uses traditional Buddhist stories and simple mindfulness practices to help cope with everyday problems and fears"--T.p. verso.

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**Tough Choices**-Rafe Martin 2010-01-01 Tough choices, doing hard work, falling down and getting back up—the kind of continuing effort of spiritual practice that all beings face. Before Buddha was Buddha focuses on a selection of particular jataka tales in which the Buddha in past lives faces temptations and struggles with self-doubt as well as his own shortcomings. In these tales he’s not beyond life’s messes—its challenges and disasters—but is down in the mix, trudging through the mud with the rest of us. Each story, presented in brief, is followed by a commentary pointing to its relevance to our lives and practice-realization today.

**The Jatakas**-Sarah Shaw 2006-06-08 When my concentrated mind was purified; I directed it to the knowledge of the recollection of past lives’ —The Buddha on the night of his enlightenment Associated with the living traditions of folk tale; drama and epic; the Jatakas recount the development of the Bodhisatta—the being destined to become the present Buddha in his final life—not just through the events of one lifetime but of hundreds. Written in Pali; the language of the Theravada Buddhist canon; the Jatakas comprise one of the largest and oldest collections of stories in the world dating from the fifth century BCE to the third century CE. Generations in South and South-East Asia have grown up with these tales. This volume contains twenty-six stories drawn from various ancient sources; and each story reflects one of the ten perfections—giving; restraint; renunciation; wisdom; strength; acceptance; truthfulness; resolve; loving kindness and equanimity. A detailed introduction elaborates on the ten perfections; explains the forms of enlightenment as well as the structure; and the historical and geographical contexts of the stories. Sarah Shaw brings to life the teachings of Buddhism for the scholar and lay reader alike.

**Tibetan Book of the Dead**-W. Y. Evans-Wentz 2020-11-18 Derived from a Buddhist funerary text, this famous volume’s timeless wisdom includes instructions for attaining enlightenment, preparing for the process of dying, and moving through the various stages of rebirth.

**The Hungry Tigress**-Rafe Martin 1999 Features a collection of Buddhist tales with themes of wisdom, nonviolence, environmentalism, and respect for life. Combines ancient story traditions with contemporary thought, displaying the relevance of the tales to modern times.

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**The Buddha’s Apprentice at Bedtime**-Dharmachari Nagaraja 2013-07-04 Practising Buddhist and master storyteller Dharmachari Nagaraja weaves a thrilling narrative spell while at the same time conveying basic life lessons that will help children to develop their personality, deal with their anxieties, and find peace and confidence as they grow up. The stories explore themes from the Eightfold Path, which is Buddhism’s practical route to a happy life. Topics covered, with the lightest of touches, include speaking in a kind and truthful manner, behaving with compassion, thinking selflessly and avoiding the pitfalls of egotism. Although providing gentle guidance on the art of living well, which is the basis of true happiness, each story is also compelling in its own right, featuring characters, settings and events that every child will find absorbing. Each narrative concludes with an affirmation that helps to draw out its positive message, while the superb, specially commissioned illustrations will delight your child and provide a starting-point for discussion and further enjoyment. The helpful introduction provides insights into the value of Buddhist principles for children and shows how visualisation, imaginative thinking and even first steps in meditation can help to nurture young minds and hearts.

**Great Faith, Great Wisdom**-Ratnaguna 2016-03-08 An inspiring commentary on the three sutras at the centre of East Asian Buddhist faith. The three Pure Land Sutras are a body of Mahayana scriptures that for centuries have played an important part in the spiritual life of East Asian Buddhists. These texts describe Sukhavati, the archetypal 'land of bliss' presided over by Amitabha or Amitayus, the Buddha of Infinite Light and Eternal Life. This book is a beautiful exploration of the imaginative world portrayed in the Pure Land Sutras. Includes new translations of the sutras by Sraddhapa.

**Healing through the Dark Emotions**-Miriam Greenspan 2004-05-11 "We are all touched at some point by the dark emotions of grief, fear, or despair. In an age of global threat, these emotions have become widespread and overwhelming. While conventional wisdom warns us of the harmful effects of "negative" emotions, this revolutionary book offers a more hopeful view: there is a redemptive power in our worst feelings. Seasoned psychotherapist Miriam Greenspan argues that it’s the avoidance and denial of the dark emotions that results in the escalating psychological disorders of our time: depression, anxiety, addiction, psychic numbing, and irrational violence. And she shows us how to trust the wisdom of the dark emotions to guide, heal, and transform our lives and our world.

**Samsara Dog**-Helen Manos 2006 Samsara Dog lived many lives. Some of his lives were long. Some lasted only a few days. Dog never remembered them. He lived each life as it came until one day he learned the most important lesson of all. Now new in paperback, with a brand new cover, this hauntingly beautiful picture book tells looks at life, love and dying from a Buddhist perspective. Helen Manos is a South Australian author and practising Buddhist. The idea for Samsara Dog arose because Helen, ‘wanted to write a book for children that showed the idea of reincarnation in as natural a way as possible.’ Her books include Rules of the Game, Roller Blaze, Snapshots, Spider Killer and Me and Lucky Baby Yak. Julie Vivas is one of Australia’s foremost illustrators. Best known for her illustrations for Possum Magic by Mem Fox, her very distinctive watercolour style is seen in such well-known books as The Nativity, Let the Celebrations Begin, Let’s Eat and Hello Baby and Puffing. First published in Australia in 2007, and since released in Indonesia and the USA, Julie notes that ‘Samsara Dog was an exciting challenge to illustrate. I worked daily with Dog for more than two years. There were times when he was difficult and elusive to capture. But I grew to love him. I look forward to seeing how Dog fares in his next life in paperback - out there with his readers.’

**The Monkey and the Crocodile**-Ellen C. Babbitt 2015-09-16 Timid rabbits, noble deer, quarrelsome quails, greedy merchants, and other memorable animal and human characters populate these timeless fables, all of which offer thought-provoking morals. Includes charming silhouette illustrations.

**Why Buddhism is True**-Robert Wright 2017-08-08 Philosophically explains how the human mind evolved to channel anxiety, depression, anger, and greed and how a healthy practice of Buddhist meditation can promote clarity and alleviate suffering.

**The Jataka**-Edward Byles Cowell 1895

**365 Jataka Tales**-Books Om 2007-12-01 The beautifully illustrated '365 Jataka Tales' impart ancient Buddhist wisdom and moral guidance in an easy and entertaining manner. These stories of the Bodhisattva, or Buddha-to-be, are tales from the previous lives of Buddha, where born as animal or human, he had to experience many a moral and ethical dilemma before attaining enlightenment. This book is the ideal gift for children, encouraging a more wholesome, positive and responsible outlook to life.

**Jesus and Buddha**-Marcus Borg 2020-11-03 Discover the teachings of Jesus and Buddha with over 100 examples presented side by side to reveal striking similarities. A perfect book for anyone interested in Christianity, Buddhism, mindfulness, meditation, and all ways of seeking enlightenment. This stunning collection is perfect for those curious about the influential teachers, Jesus and Buddha, and their lessons of peace, love, patience, and kindness. Witness as two of the most holy beings meet in a thought-provoking encounter of the spirit. Compare the Bible verse: “Jesus knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone” (John 2.24-25) to the Buddhist scripture: “He was expert in knowing the thoughts and actions of living beings” (Vimalakirtinirdesha Sutra 2). Jesus and Buddha is a timeless testament to what makes us similar rather than different. This enlightening book also makes a great gift.

**The Banyan Deer**-Rafe Martin 2010-10-01 His inspiring tale reminds us that no one can be truly at peace unless all beings have a chance for peace, freedom, and happiness. The Banyan Deer is a wonderful, heart-warming gift for anyone who loves a great story. This beautiful hardcover edition will delight both adults and children alike.

**Stories from the Jatakas**-Anant Pai 1997

**The Brave Little Parrot**-Rafe Martin 1998 Because the brave little parrot does the thing that comes from its heart as it takes precious drops of water to the burning forest, things change in ways no one could imagine.

**Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics**-James Hastings 1951

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**Jataka Stories in Theravada Buddhism**-Naomi Appleton 2016-05-06 Jataka stories (stories about the previous births of the Buddha) are very popular in Theravada Buddhist countries, where they are found in both canonical texts and later compositions and collections, and are commonly used in sermons, children’s books, plays, poetry, temple illustrations, rituals and festivals. Whilst at first glance many of the stories look like common fables or folktales, Buddhist tradition tells us that the stories illustrate the gradual path to perfection exemplified by the Buddha in his previous births, when he was a bodhisatta (buddha-to-be). Jataka stories have had a long and colourful history, closely intertwined with the development of doctrines about the Buddha, the path to buddhahood, and how Buddhists should behave now the Buddha is no more. This book explores the shifting role of the stories in Buddhist doctrine, practice, and creative expression, finally placing this integral Buddhist genre back in the centre of scholarly understandings of the religion.

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