

## 《Balinese Children's 》

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### 内容概要

"Four Naughty Boys," "The Dog Who Flattered a Cow" and "The Rajah Who Lost His Head" are among the 12 tales and myths included in *Balinese Children's Favorite Stories*, retold by Victoria Mason with Gillian Beal, illus. by Trina Bohan-Tyrie. Some, such as "The Saintly Stork" seem based on those of Aesop, the author explains, while others are "peculiarly Balinese." Much of the artwork captures the costume and breathtaking Bali setting.

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Grade 1-4-Mason and Beal's collection presents 11 tales from the Balinese tradition. Although the origin of some of the selections is obscure, Mason notes that some have their roots in Aesop. In one story, a talkative turtle must bite down on a stick in order to be carried to safety by two geese. In another, a dove saves an ant from drowning and is later rescued when the ant and its friends bite a boy before he can shoot the dove with a poisoned arrow. Other tales are reminiscent of European fairy tales. Many of these instructional tales involve animals. The watercolor illustrations vary greatly in style and coloration. The soft, hazy island ocean scene on the endpapers contrasts with the brightly colored folk-style cartoon animals and intricately detailed Balinese costumes that decorate the text. Libraries with large folk- and fairy-tale collections will want to own this readable treasury, as tales from Bali are hard to find. One that is available is Judy Sierra's *The Dancing Pig* (Harcourt, 1999).

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