

What are the Perceived Weaknesses of *Wild Wise Weird* through Readers' eyes?

Amazon Book Review Series of "*Wild Wise Weird*"

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Screenshot. Review of "*Wild Wise Weird*" by Kikel [1]. Reviewed in the United States on November 27, 2024.

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Feb23414: It was ok

It didn't hit me where I'd have hoped. It revealed a bit more about its original culture, you could tell there were some language barriers that probably caused challenges with these short stories translation but it was kind of interesting. I expect that it grow on me if it was longer, there were about 30 short stories, of which 5 were really memorable for me. I did like the water colors, that was kind of fun to have been added [2].

RHirshorn: Creative fables and lovely artwork!

I enjoyed this collection of creative and quirky fables, which were told from the perspective of the wise kingfisher. The tales were at the intersection of bird and human society, and I found myself pondering aspects of each as I read these stories. I also really enjoyed the watercolors and other artistic renditions of kingfisher and other birds, which were beautiful! Only occasionally, the wrap up sentence at the end of the story left me scratching my head. Some of my favorite tales were Miracle, Innovation, and Meditation Master. Overall, a very enjoyable read! [3]



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Screenshot. Review of “*Wild Wise Weird*” by RHirshorn [3]. Reviewed in the United States on January 1, 2024.

Douglas Johnson: Very Enjoyable

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this collection of Short stories. I just wish I knew more about Vietnamese culture because I feel I missed some of the jokes in the stories due to being "Lost in Translation" (Not literally). I feel if I was more familiar with or engrossed in Vietnamese culture I would have enjoyed this delightful book even more. None the less The Kingfisher bird character's ridiculous behavior brings a little humor to each story. I highly recommend this book! [4]

(Note: This paper reprints of Kikel', Feb23414's, RHirshorn's, and Johnson's reviews [1-4] appearing on the Amazon page of the title [5]. The reprint's title is created based on the review's content.*

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