## Young Mantis on the science of gratitude

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Hello World! I am Young Mantis. You can see how handsome I am by looking at the photo below.

I was born in a village, called the Jute Plant Village, near the Bird Village. The photo of mine was taken by Kingfisher the Wise of the Bird Village, showing me while just 3 days old. That's why I looked very tiny, even when compared to a newborn leave of the jute plant where I was clinging.

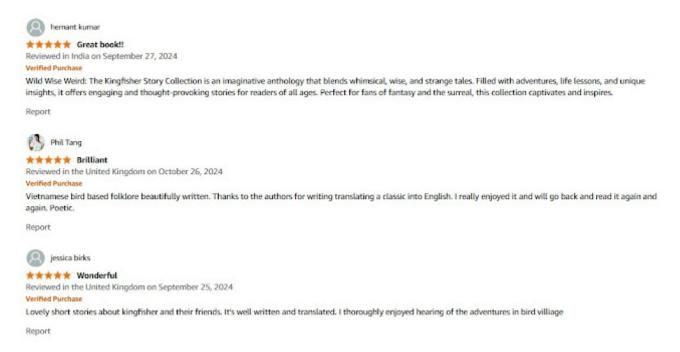


Photo: Me, Young Mantis. Courtesy of Kingfisher of the Bird Village.

My friendship with Kingfisher the Wise has developed over time, going through a roller coaster ride, thus, complicated. But we are still friends today. For this, I am pleased to express my gratitude for many things in life.

I learned about the science of gratitude from Kingfisher the Wise. Kingfisher himself learned this from many friends who have helped tell stories on his behalf. Now, Kingfisher told me more than once that thanks to the communication efforts of these great friends [1-5], many of the stories he told were now read by many new friends from all walks of life.

Many are even so helpful. They've even left their comments on Amazon, helping others to learn more about Kingfisher's stories. Following are some of these.

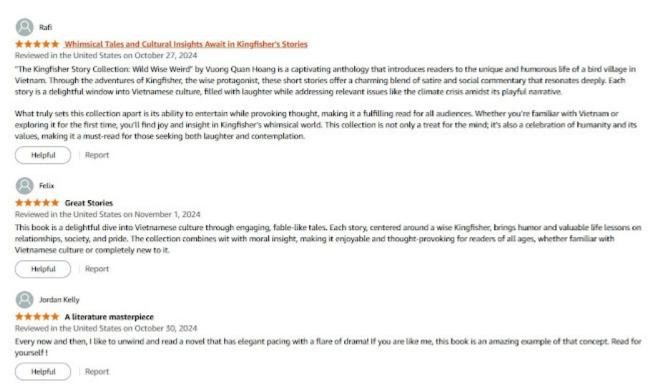


Typically, Phil (from the UK) has said:

"**Brilliant:** Vietnamese bird-based folklore beautifully written. Thanks to the authors for writing and translating a classic into English. I really enjoyed it and will go back and read it again and again. Poetic."

Another friend, Jordan from the US has commented:

"A literature masterpiece: Every now and then, I like to unwind and read a novel that has elegant pacing with a flare of drama! If you are like me, this book is an amazing example of that concept. Read for yourself!"



Having read these opinions, I know why Kingfisher has been showing his gratitude. Without these friends, who can believe that stories from a rural region would one day be listened to, appreciated, and discussed by friends living in very faraway lands and very far-removed cultures?

Kingfisher told me he would most probably live very long and healthy thanks to his appreciation (and of course, practicing) of the science of gratitude.

If you are curious about these stories told by my friend Kingfisher, <u>visit the Amazon page</u>. My old bird friend will be greatly grateful if you make a purchase and leave him a comment there on the page.

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