

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 leaf 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.



hemant kumar

★★★★★ Great book!!

Reviewed in India on September 27, 2024

Verified Purchase

Wild Wise Weird: The Kingfisher Story Collection is an imaginative anthology that blends whimsical, wise, and strange tales. Filled with adventures, life lessons, and unique insights, it offers engaging and thought-provoking stories for readers of all ages. Perfect for fans of fantasy and the surreal, this collection captivates and inspires.

Report



Phil Tang

★★★★★ Brilliant

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on October 26, 2024

Verified Purchase

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

Report



jessica birks

★★★★★ Wonderful

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on September 25, 2024

Verified Purchase

Lovely short stories about kingfisher and their friends. It's well written and translated. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing of the adventures in bird village

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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!”*



Rafi

★★★★★ Whimsical Tales and Cultural Insights Await in Kingfisher's Stories

Reviewed in the United States on October 27, 2024

"The Kingfisher Story Collection: Wild Wise Weird" by Vuong Quan Hoang is a captivating anthology that introduces readers to the unique and humorous life of a bird village in Vietnam. Through the adventures of Kingfisher, the wise protagonist, these short stories offer a charming blend of satire and social commentary that resonates deeply. Each story is a delightful window into Vietnamese culture, filled with laughter while addressing relevant issues like the climate crisis amidst its playful narrative.

What truly sets this collection apart is its ability to entertain while provoking thought, making it a fulfilling read for all audiences. Whether you're familiar with Vietnam or exploring it for the first time, you'll find joy and insight in Kingfisher's whimsical world. This collection is not only a treat for the mind; it's also a celebration of humanity and its values, making it a must-read for those seeking both laughter and contemplation.

Helpful

Report



Felix

★★★★★ Great Stories

Reviewed in the United States on November 1, 2024

This book is a delightful dive into Vietnamese culture through engaging, fable-like tales. Each story, centered around a wise Kingfisher, brings humor and valuable life lessons on relationships, society, and pride. The collection combines wit with moral insight, making it enjoyable and thought-provoking for readers of all ages, whether familiar with Vietnamese culture or completely new to it.

Helpful

Report



Jordan Kelly

★★★★★ A literature masterpiece

Reviewed in the United States on October 30, 2024

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!

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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, [visit the Amazon page](#). 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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