



Aesop's Fables: A New Revised Version by R. Worthinton

Aesop (c. 620-564)

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Aesop's Fables is the title commonly given to a collection of several hundred fables that have come down through the ages from ancient Greece. A fable is distinct from a fairy tale and a myth in that it is usually very short, simple, and unaffected; it will often feature talking animals and plants; and it contains a contextual introduction followed by the story and the moral it illustrates. The earliest known collection consisted of 160 fables in a set of ten books assembled in the 4th century BC by Demetrius of Phalerum, an Athenian orator and follower of Aristotle. It was considered the definitive collection for twelve centuries, although no manuscript or published copy survives. Many of the tales have become proverbial and stand for lasting themes, such

as "The Goose That Laid The Golden Egg". While the fables were collected and associated with the person of Aesop, it is thought that many of them had their origins in India and the Near East as well as ancient Sumer, and that they found their way into the Greek culture as trade and travel areas broadened over time. Very likely fables were ascribed to Aesop if there was no other known author.

Aesop (c. 620-564 BCE) was an ancient Greek storyteller who is thought to be the author of the fables collectively now known as Aesop's Fables. There are no writings of his that have survived, and there are varying accounts of his life. The traditional account is that Aesop was born in either Thrace or Phrygia about 620 BCE. He was described as being unattractive, possibly hunchbacked, and lived as a slave in Samos. He appears to have gained his freedom at some point and served as a counselor to wealthy Samians. Plutarch's history relates that he met his demise in the city of Delphi while on a diplomatic mission from King Croesus of Lydia, where he insulted the Delphians, was sentenced to death on trumped up charges, and was thrown from a cliff. Unfortunately, none of these accounts can be thoroughly verified. Whether real or mythical, the character of Aesop has survived and appeared as a character in numerous books, plays, films, and television shows, as a sage giver of wisdom through his fables.