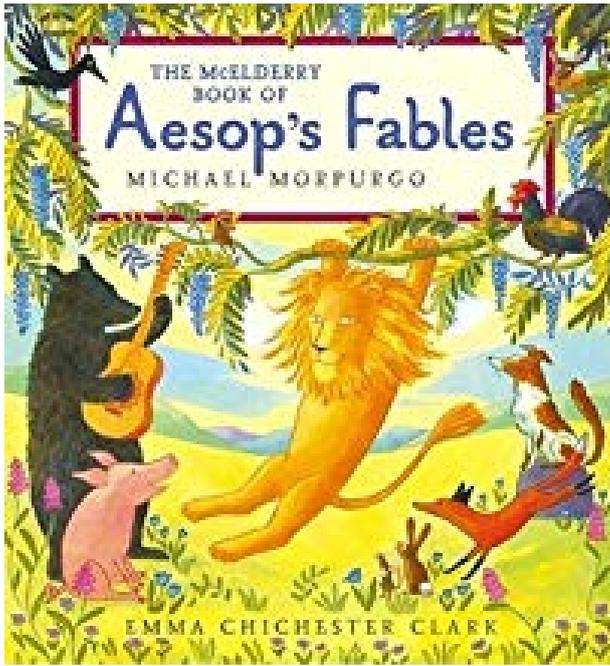


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Ancient Aesop swings into the twenty-first century in this bright new collection of twenty-one favorite fables. Here are all the classic tales: the greedy dog who loses his bone to his own reflection in the water; the little mouse who pays back the grand lion in a big, big way; and the shepherd's son who thinks it's a good joke to cry "Wolf!" just to see the villagers come running. And, of course, there's that arrogant hare and his racing partner, the slow but steady tortoise. Michael Morpurgo's lively language gives each tale a fresh feel that's perfect for reading aloud and sharing. Emma Chichester Clark's radiant illustrations are bursting with bold colors and cheerful characters. Together they have created a modern classic brimming with fun, which children will enjoy reading and laughing over again and again.

Aesop's Fables. This is a collection of tales from the Greek story teller, Aesop. Aesop was a slave in ancient Greece. He was a keen observer of both animals and people. Most of the characters in his stories are animals, some of which take on human characteristic and are personified in ways of speech and emotions. However, the majority of his character retain their animalistic qualities; tortoise are slow, hares are quick, tigers eat bird, etc. Aesop uses these qualities and natural tendencies of animals to focus on human traits and wisdom. Each fable has an accompanying moral to be learn Original Title. The McElderry Book of Aesop's Fables. ISBN. 1416902902 (ISBN13: 9781416902904).
Is it just a matter of interpretation? I always thought the morals of Aesop's Fables were At the end of each story Morpurgo tells you what the moral of the story was. e.g. for the boy who cried wolf it's "Nobody believes a liar even when he tells the truth." But in several cases I felt like this book gets the moral completely wrong! Like for the Hare and the Tortoise, I remember thinking the moral according to the book was completely stupid. "Dare to believe in yourself," or something like that. Is it just a matter of interpretation? I always thought the morals of ...