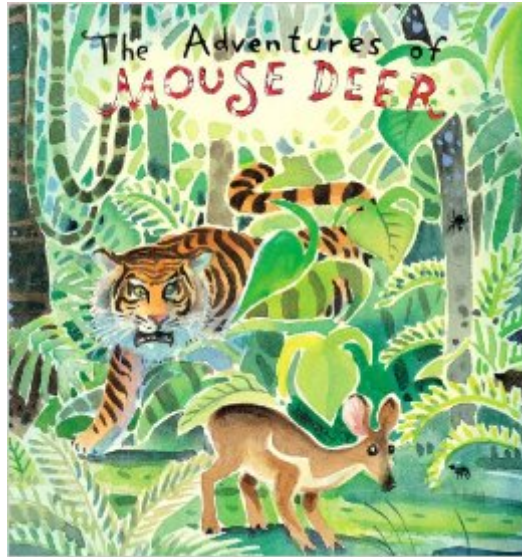


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# The Adventures Of Mouse Deer: Favorite Folktales Of Southeast Asia



## Synopsis

"I'm quick and smart as I can be. Try and try, but you can't catch me!" Mouse Deer sings his song as he walks through the forest looking for tasty fruits and roots and shoots. Though he is small, he is not afraid. He knows that many big animals want to eat him -- but first they have to catch him! In these delightful trickster tales from Southeast Asia, find out how Mouse Deer gets the best of his enemies -- Tiger, Crocodile, and the most dangerous animal of all, Farmer!

TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS -- A READER'S THEATER SCRIPT OF THIS BOOK IS AVAILABLE IN AARON'S BOOK "FOLKTALES ON STAGE," OR FREE ON AARON'S WEB SITE.

Aaron Shepard is the award-winning author of "The Baker's Dozen," "The Sea King's Daughter," "The Monkey King," and many more children's books. His stories have appeared often in Cricket magazine, while his Web site is known internationally as a prime resource for folktales, storytelling, and reader's theater. Once a professional storyteller, Aaron specializes in lively retellings of folktales and other traditional literature, which have won him honors from the American Library Association, the New York Public Library, the Bank Street College of Education, the National Council for the Social Studies, and the American Folklore Society.

Kim Gamble is one of the most popular children's book illustrators of Australia. He is also a frequent contributor to that country's much-loved School Magazine, where Aaron's Mouse Deer stories first appeared.

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## Customer Reviews

The Adventures of Mouse Deer: Tales of Indonesia and Malaysia is a retelling of some of South Asia's most popular folklore, about Mouse Deer, a creature who is small but brave and cunning - in many ways similar to the trickster fox of other mythologies, or Brer Rabbit of more contemporary children's literature. Simply narrated so that young people who are just graduating from picturebooks can easily follow the text, The Adventures of Mouse Deer is witty and steeped with the power of myth, as well as high-spirited determination. Black-and-white illustrations intersperse the text in this delightful introduction to an enduring legend.

What does this book teach children? It teaches the repeated refrain said by the Mouse Deer after he trespasses or steals something: "I'm quick and smart as I can be. Try and try, but you can't catch me!" • Does this message corrupt children? Please decide and tell other readers in your review of this book. The illustrations are nice.

The Adventures of Mouse Deer: Favorite Folktales of Southeast Asia is a very well illustrated tale. Definitely has a whole earth feel to it, multiple-culture, etc My six year old grandson liked it, especially as it was on my Kindle. I don't think it is .too different than the tricky coyote stories. However, I did not like that all the solutions, though clever, were misleading.

This book is a gold mine of resources for teachers! The Adventures of Mouse Deer has classic folktale characteristics which lend perfectly for teaching this genre. The entertaining storyline is highly motivating for the most reluctant reader. The simple, yet exciting plot make it perfect for practicing retelling, sequence, cause and effect. Because this is a folktale from Malaysia and Indonesia, readers have an authentic reason (and interest!) for research and practicing nonfiction reading strategies and atlas/map-reading. The book has three "stories" which are the perfect length for small group reading. The downloadable scripts from Mr. Shephard's website are ideal for the Fluency Station post Guided Reading Group.

Ingenious! I am thrilled with the storyline. I plan to use this book in teaching character education or the rainforest.

My kids loved this story. The illustrations are beautiful. Mouse deer is a traditional Indonesian folk hero/trickster, maybe a little along the lines of Brer Rabbit, always outwitting bigger and fiercer animals.

All the adventures of Mouse Deer were fun to read to my 6 yr old boy. The Mouse Deer was cunning and his sarcasm added humor. This isn't a picture book, but your child will be entertained by the tales of this little rascal to notice.

My children are half Indonesian and they love this book so much. There is a little music sheet in the front telling you how to sing the Mouse Deer's song in the stories. It is a very cute book with wonderful watercolor paintings.

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