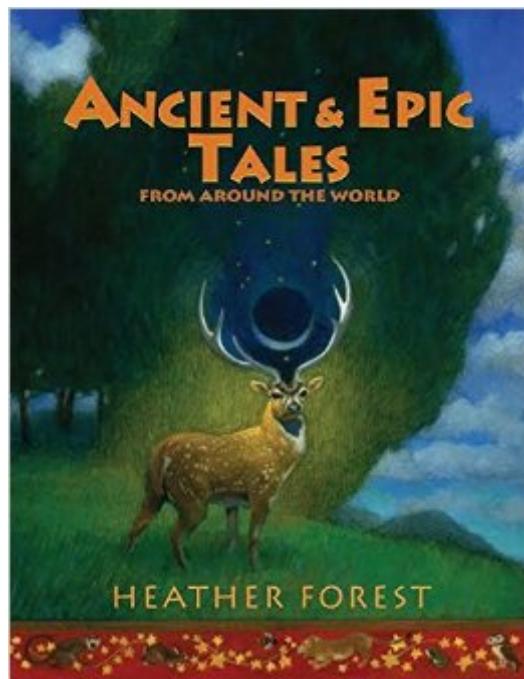


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# Ancient And Epic Tales: From Around The World



## **Synopsis**

Heather Forest's artful prose and keen curatorial selection brings an array of ancient tales of adventure, quest and heroics to life for modern readers. This multicultural anthology presents pivotal episodes from epic tales such as Gilgamesh, Beowulf, the Odyssey, the Ramayana, and more. The collection illuminates large-scale narratives that were passed on and preserved through the oral tradition long before being captured in written form by early scribes. With the publication of Epic and Ancient Tales, Heather completes her long awaited trilogy of Tales From Around the World including Wonder Tales and Wisdom Tales. These epic narratives remain relevant today as they provide insights into the complexity of human relationships and the intimate, personal journey of anyone seeking to understand the meaning of life. This collection of timeless stories includes Norse legends, Greek myths, Japanese folktales, Persian stories, Irish Ballads and Chinese lore. Offering a global overview, this anthology of concise retellings also provides endnotes with cultural and historical background to inspire readers' further inquiry into these enduring tales.

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has gathered tales, and tales within tales, from many different cultures, historical periods and systems of belief in one intriguing collection. Her choices feel motivated by an abiding trust that wisdom and peace can be constantly uncovered in our lives through sharing great stories. The power of a story lays in how it is told, to when it is told, and who hears it. ANCIENT AND EPIC TALES appears at the right moment, written with ease and elegance, and accessible to young and old. Heather Forest is an advocate for humor, kindness, courage, patience, wisdom, spiritual knowledge and love. The offering of fragments of larger stories makes us interested in knowing more about the great oral literatures of the world, and through the meaningful experiences manifest in each tale, our longing itself is activated. Longing to know more, to imagine, and to feel is the very essence of the storyteller's intention and art.. What do we long for if not to be filled with a sense of belonging to the world ,engaged and alive. ANCIENT AND EPIC TALES provides a storied manual for how to be a human being , in a diverse world with a long history, in troubled times, in the present. The most symbolic or fantastical tales that endure are always about us human beings; how we function in the world in relationship to our minds and hearts, each other, nature, spirit and the world around us. Heather has reached back to some of the oldest recorded stories known. She has chosen parts of the whole epic and retold them with clarity in her own words.

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