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**Lord Buddha Stories for Kids-  
Inspiring Stories from The Life of  
Buddha** Watkins Publishing

Around the beginning of the common era, Indian Buddhists began to collect fables,

or jataka tales, illuminating various human virtues and foibles—from kindness, cooperation, loyalty and self-discipline on the one hand to greed, pride, foolishness, and treachery on the other. Instead of populating these stories with people, they cast the animals of their immediate environment in the leading roles—which may have given the tales a universal appeal that helped them travel around the world, surfacing in the Middle East as

Aesop's fables and in various other guises throughout East and Southeast Asia, Africa, Russia, and Europe. Author and painter Mark McGinnis has collected over forty of these hallowed popular tales and retold them in vividly poetic yet accessible language, their original Buddhist messages firmly intact. Each story is accompanied with a beautifully rendered full-color painting, making this an equally attractive book for children and adults,

whether Buddhist or not, who love fine stories about their fellow wise (and foolish) creatures.

**Under the Bodhi Tree** Watkins Media Limited

A wise and colorful collection of ten Buddhist fables, this modern telling of ancient Indian stories, centering around animals and nature, teaches vibrant and timeless life lessons. (Ages 4-8) Long ago, the Buddha told his followers Jataka Tales, or “birth stories,” about the many lifetimes he lived before he was born as Prince Siddhartha. In this beautiful retelling of ten such stories, the Buddha is introduced as the Queen of the Dogs, a loyal Parrot, a mischievous Monkey, a wise Lion, a brave Forest Owlet, and more. Each story conveys important morals that are short, sweet, and to the point, giving children a handful of useful lessons to apply to their lives, like “Always try to do the right thing, even when no one else is watching.” These tales are brought to life with stunning and dreamlike illustrations by Sonali Zohra (illustrator of *Ashoka the Fierce*), exploring in vivid detail how one’s actions affect others; the importance of kindness; the strength of friendship; the

value of thoughtful decisions; and the importance of letting go and learning to forgive. With a beautiful paper-over-board package to tie it all together, this book will serve as a timeless and treasured offering for both children and adults.

*Korean Folk Tales* Duncan Baird Publishers  
 Recounts the major events in the life of Prince Siddhartha, how he became Buddha, the Awakened One, and some of the teachings that he left behind.

**Short Stories for Children** New Harbinger Publications

Practising Buddhist and master storyteller Dharmachari Nagaraja weaves a thrilling narrative spell while at the same time conveying basic life lessons that will help children to develop their personality, deal with their anxieties, and find peace and confidence as they grow up. The stories explore themes from the Eightfold Path, which is Buddhism’s practical route to a happy life. Topics covered, with the lightest of touches, include speaking in a kind and truthful manner, behaving with compassion, thinking selflessly and avoiding the pitfalls of egotism. Although providing gentle guidance on the art of living well, which is the basis of true

happiness, each story is also compelling in its own right, featuring characters, settings and events that every child will find absorbing. Each narrative concludes with an affirmation that helps to draw out its positive message, while the superb, specially commissioned illustrations will delight your child and provide a starting-point for discussion and further enjoyment. The helpful introduction provides insights into the value of Buddhist principles for children and shows how visualisation, imaginative thinking and even first steps in meditation can help to nurture young minds and hearts.

**The Buddha and the Borderline** Simon and Schuster

The heart of the Buddha’s story in a handful of words—beautifully illustrated by a world-renowned artist. *The Day the Buddha Woke Up* is a board book that will captivate children of all ages. It’s the perfect way to introduce young children to the story of the Buddha—the clear, gracefully written story puts the Buddha’s awakening into language children can understand. The simple arc of the Buddha’s questions, his quest, and his ultimate understanding will provide a

meaningful and peaceful story that children—and their parents!—will love returning to again and again.

**The Astral Traveller's Handbook and Other Tales** Hay House, Inc

Little Stone Buddha awakes to enjoy the beauty of nature and to use his powers to hearten weary travelers and protect the foxes that share the forest with him.

The Seed of Compassion Children's Book Trust

Unhappy, Little Sid leaves his home in search of happiness leading him on a journey of discovery full of wise-folk, tigers, and a mouse.

The Cat Who Went to Heaven First Second Books

Kiera Van Gelder's first suicide attempt at the age of twelve marked the onset of her struggles with drug addiction, depression, post-traumatic stress, self-harm, and chaotic romantic relationships—all of which eventually led to doctors' belated diagnosis of borderline personality disorder twenty years later. *The Buddha and the Borderline* is a window into this mysterious and debilitating condition, an unblinking portrayal of one woman's fight against the emotional devastation of

borderline personality disorder. This haunting, intimate memoir chronicles both the devastating period that led to Kiera's eventual diagnosis and her inspirational recovery through therapy, Buddhist spirituality, and a few online dates gone wrong. Kiera's story sheds light on the private struggle to transform suffering into compassion for herself and others, and is essential reading for all seeking to understand what it truly means to recover and reclaim the desire to live.

*Little Stone Buddha* Good Press

For the first time ever, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama addresses children directly, sharing lessons of peace and compassion, told through stories of his own childhood. One of today's most inspiring world leaders was once an ordinary child named Lhamo Thondup. In a small village in Tibet, his mother was his first great teacher of compassion. In everyday moments from his childhood, young readers begin to see that important lessons are all around us, and that they, too, can grow to truly understand them. With simple, powerful text, the Dalai Lama shares the universalist teachings of treating one

another with compassion, which Bao Luu illustrates beautifully in vibrant color. In an increasingly confusing world, *The Seed of Compassion* offers guidance and encouragement on how we all might bring more kindness to it.

*I Once Was a Monkey* Simon and Schuster

A colorful introduction to Buddhist fables A monkey, caught in a monsoon, finds shelter in a cave amid the rubble of a temple. The monkey is not alone. A lion, a jackal, a turtle, and a dove bicker in the cramped space, until a statue of Buddha comes to life. "Hush, children, hush." Buddha says. "I will tell you a story to pass the time." From the tale of the clever monkey outwitting a hungry crocodile to that of a bird and turtle rescuing a friend, the six amusing parables told by the Buddha will introduce young readers to the famous cycle of fables in Buddhist literature known as the Jatakas, or birth stories, which Buddha originally told to his disciples to illustrate his teachings. Joined with stunning linocut illustrations, Jeanne M. Lee's *I Once Was a Monkey* form a book notable for both its beauty and its wisdom.

**Tibet** Parallax Press

The Buddhist Jataka tales are simple

lessons in living with honesty, wisdom, and compassion that contain the power to transform the hearts and minds of those who hear them. They are stories of the Buddha's past lives—in such forms as a boar, a parrot, a monkey, or a peacock—that have enchanted children and adults for millennia. Their animal characters powerfully and sometimes humorously demonstrate the virtues and foibles to which we humans are prone, and they point the way to more enlightened ways of living. Mark McGinnis retells the Jatakas in poetic and accessible language, rendering the Buddhist teachings they contain abundantly clear. Each tale is brought to life by Mark's full-color illustration, making the book a visually stunning entrée to this edifying and highly entertaining literary tradition.

*The Calm Buddha at Bedtime* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Growing up in the modern world, our children have to cope with ever-increasing amounts of stress, which can hinder their development. The ancient wisdom of Buddhism, with its emphasis on peace, love and compassion, is the ideal basis for helping any child to face these challenges

with inner confidence and calm. Building on the age-old art of storytelling, this beautiful book re-tells 20 ancient Buddhist tales in a way that is thoroughly fun and accessible to children. Featuring superb, full-page illustrations, the stories will transport kids into an imaginary world of enlightenment and discovery where they will meet delightful characters and discover an easy-to-understand Buddhist message - one that will help them think about how they can apply values such as patience, perseverance, honesty and generosity to their own lives. Designed to be read aloud by a parent or read by older children on their own, these compelling narratives provide a pleasurable, soothing transition into sleep.

*The Life of the Buddha* Simon and Schuster

A collection of stories by Indian authors set in India, including "The Goose Thieves, " "In a Guava Orchard, " "Varunkaka's Lemonade Pals, " and "Hanuman and I." Little Sid Penguin

The story of Buddha's life is timeless and is as relevant today as it was 2,500 years ago when Buddha was alive. It shows how we can learn to maintain a peaceful mind

all the time so that we can be happy all the time, and in this way fulfill our own wishes as well as the wishes of all our friends. Few can fail to be inspired by this powerful story.

**Buddhism for Kids** Shambhala Publications

A cat looks on as her master, a poor Japanese artist, works on a painting commissioned by a high priest. The artist must paint all the animals blessed by Buddha except cats, which have been excluded from paradise. Despite the risk, the compassionate artist decides to include a cat in his painting and is rewarded. Text copyright 2004 Lectorum Publications, Inc.

**The Story of Buddha** Shambhala Publications

Includes "issues index."

Spinosaurus Simon and Schuster

A brilliant, unforgettable novel from bestselling author Ruth Ozeki, author of *The Book of Form and Emptiness* Finalist for the Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award "A time being is someone who lives in time, and that means you, and me, and every one of us who is, or was, or ever will be." In Tokyo,

sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace—and will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine. Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox—possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future. Full of Ozeki's signature humor and deeply engaged with the relationship between writer and reader, past and present, fact and fiction, quantum physics, history, and myth, *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.

*The Buddha in Me* Penguin

"Japanese Fairy Tales" by Yei Theodora Ozaki. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that

encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

*The Story of Angulimala* Watkins Media Limited

In *Is Nothing Something?* Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh answers heartfelt, difficult, and funny questions from children of all ages. Illustrated with original full-color artwork by Jessica McClure, *Is Nothing Something?* will help adults plant the seeds of mindfulness in the young children in their lives. Beginning with the most basic questions, "What is important in life?" and "Why is my brother mean to me?" and progressing through issues that we all wrestle with, such as "How do I know if I really love somebody?", "How long am I going to live?", and "What does God look like?", each page presents a question with a short answer from Thich Nhat Hanh,

appropriate for beginning readers to work with on their own. The back of the book has the first complete children's biography of Thich Nhat Hanh, along with basic, kid-friendly instructions for mindful breathing and mindful walking. Both humorous and profound, *Is Nothing Something?* is the perfect resource for kids with questions, adults looking to answer them, and anyone with questions of their own.

**Kindness** Shambhala Publications

*A Handful of Quiet* presents one of the best known and most innovative meditation practices developed by Thich Nhat Hanh as part of the Plum Village community's practice with children. Pebble meditation is a playful and fun activity that parents and educators can do with their children to introduce them to meditation. It is designed to involve children in a hands-on and creative way that touches on their interconnection with nature. Practicing pebble meditation can help relieve stress, increase concentration, nourish gratitude, and can help children deal with difficult emotions. *A Handful of Quiet* is a concrete activity that parents and educators can introduce to children in school settings, in their local communities

or at home, in a way that is meaningful and inviting. Any adult wishing to plant seeds of peace, relaxation, and awareness

in children will find this unique meditation guide helpful. Children can also enjoy doing pebble meditation on their own. Beautiful color illustrations by Wietske

Vriezen, illustrator of *Planting Seeds* (ISBN-13: 978-1-935209-80-5) and *Mindful Movements* (978-1-888375-79-4).