

The ancient Burmese (Myanmars) were good story-tellers. Myanmar folk tales handed down through the generations reflect their gift of the gab and wealth of creative imaginations.

Burmese (Myanmar) folk tales are in some way like parables as the ancient Burmese (Myanmar) elders use folk tales to admonish their offspring indirectly by including animals like owls, rabbits, cows, cats, dogs, tigers and elephants as characters. So, folk tales are good analogies for children to know about justice, unity, and respect for one another.

Maung Htin Aung's *Thirty Burmese Tales* showcases some Myanmar folk tales that will arouse the reader's interest, awe and pleasure.

Maung Htin Aung, or Dr. Htin Aung (Ph.D, D.Litt) was the foremost authority on Burmese (Myanmar) folklores and folk-religion.

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