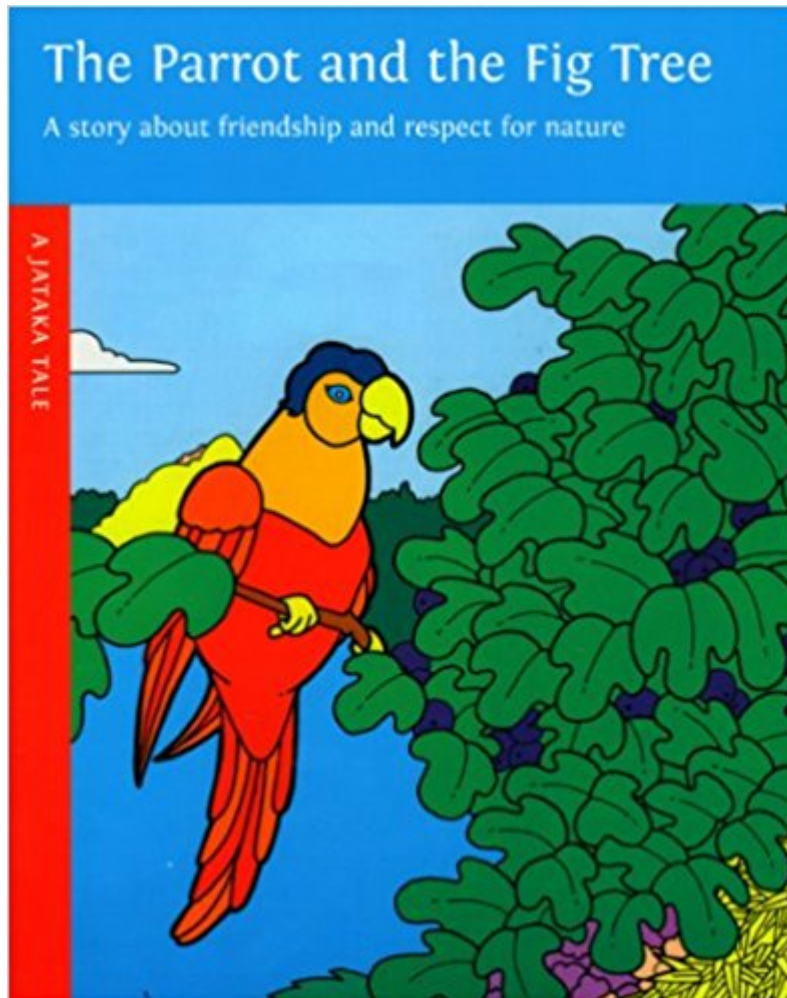




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# Parrot And The Fig Tree (Jataka Tale)



## Synopsis

A parrot who dwells happily in a fruitful fig tree is tested for his loyalty to the tree by Shakra, king of the gods, who causes the tree to dry up.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I bought this book because it features a parrot as the main character. The book has cheerful, brightly colored illustrations. The story is actually an Indian folktale about a parrot who dwells happily in a fruitful fig tree until his values are tested by the god, Shakra. This story explores ideas such as friendship, loss, hardship and loyalty. It provides a strong universal moral lesson. Overall, I enjoyed reading this book and think it is great for any young children.

A very good book for children!

This book is part of a series of Jataka Tales released in paperback for 3-8 year olds. The Jataka Tales are a group of folk stories that originated in India, each of which relays an ethical teaching. Many center around animals and magical creatures, and within Buddhist traditions are taught to be accounts of the Buddha's past lives. In Buddhist cultures these stories are performed through song and dance at festivals, and told to children as part of their morality training. This particular tale

introduces seasons, the interdependency of all beings, and the value of loyalty. A parrot refuses to abandon his good friend, a fig tree, even during winter when the tree has no figs, and eventually even when it is destroyed by a storm. For his loyalty to the tree, the parrot is rewarded by the god Shakra, with the rebirth of the tree. Like all the books in this series, this book has vibrant, appealing pictures, and a coloring page at the end where one scene from the story is provided in a form that children can color themselves. It also contains a Parents' and Teachers' Corner: a 2-page spread with suggested questions and activities, as well as history, associated with the story. This book is also sold as part of a 12-book Teachers set: Teacher Resource Guide set: Teacher Resource Guide boxed with 12 Jataka Tales

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