

# American Center Presents the Author's Forum with Jataka Tales of the Buddha: An Anthology

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*Jataka Tales of the Buddha: An Anthology*, recently published by Buddhist Publication Society, based primarily on the old PTS translation, presents a heartfelt retelling of 217 of the Jataka stories in a dramatic form with crisp, modern English. These tales have profound meaning for Buddhists since they chart and illustrate the complex workings of kamma as taught by the Buddha, but their appeal is to anyone who loves a good story.

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