



# The Orchard Book of Stories from the Seven Seas

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A welcome addition to Orchard's beautifully-produced series of traditional stories. It is wonderful to find books like these, well-told and superbly illustrated collections that deserve to become classroom and family treasures. This collection, ten tales with a salty theme from around the world, is lavishly and imaginatively illustrated by Sheila Moxley - I particularly enjoyed her St Ives School-style harbour in the Cornish tale! The stories are retold by an established storyteller and read aloud well. Brief notes at the end of the book provide more details about the tales, some of which are found in local variants throughout the world. The current availability of myths, legends and folk tales in attractive, high quality retellings is a joy - my six-year-old audience was spellbound by the sheer satisfaction of a well-resolved, timeless tale. Read aloud to Year 2+; older children may enjoy reading the stories independently, but nothing beats *hearing* stories like these!

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