



The Elephant's Friend and other Tales from Ancient India

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A new publication from Marcia Williams is always a delight. She has a gift of making stories, whether from history or myths from different cultures, accessible and lively, both with her words and images. Although the publisher advises **The Elephant's Friend** is for children of 7+, younger readers of 5+ would also enjoy the bright illustrations and tales which are simpler than those in some of Williams' other books. The stories in **The Elephant's Friend** are moral tales, advocating the virtues of wisdom over strength or of not taking advantage of those who have befriended you; sometimes they are cautionary, pointing out the dangers of trusting a tiger however old and scrawny he might be. Williams' graphic novel style interspersed with full-and double-page spreads, provides plenty to attract the gaze, and here she has adopted the traditional bright colours of India in another fine production.

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