



Suntrap Book Review

The Hare and the Tortoise

Retold and illustrated by Helen Ward

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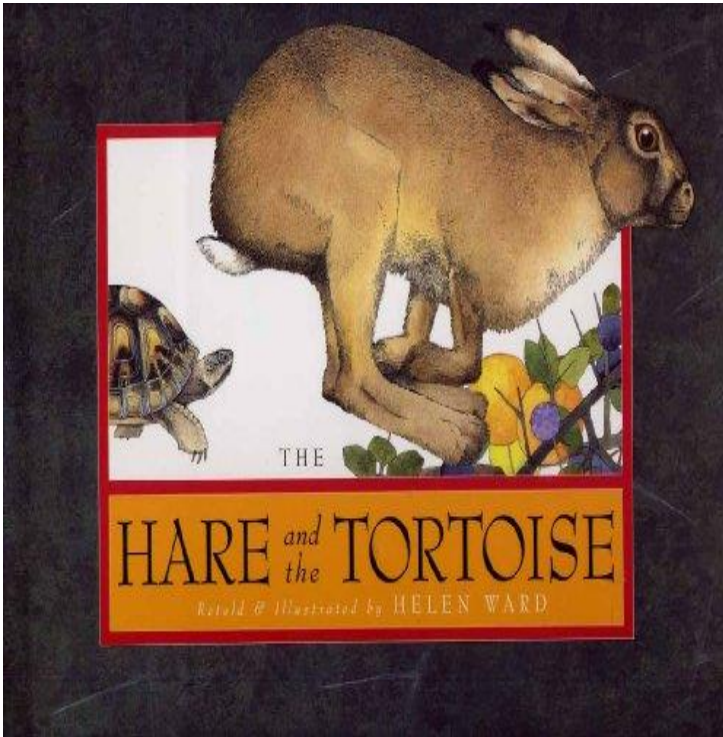
Age range: Five year-old + readers

Description

Retells the events of the famous race between the boastful hare and the persevering tortoise. Includes a key to the various animals pictured in the illustrations.

The classic Aesop story is here retold by English artist Helen Ward. When Hare falls headlong over Tortoise while out for a run, his abusive reaction leads to a challenge. Who will win their race...?

Everyone knows the answer to that, of course, but the fun of reading Ward's retelling lies in watching the participants get to the finish line, and in looking at her detailed ink and watercolour illustrations. The many animal spectators come from all over the world, and include everything from a pronghorn antelope to an emu - all identified in the helpful appendix Ward includes at the rear of the book.



Reviews



'This retelling of Aesop's fables is wonderfully done. The illustrations are a delight that the reader encounters on each page. The placement of the text around and sometimes through the illustration adds to the forward motion and feel of the story.'

This retelling of the fable includes a wide variety of animals not usually seen in other books. The illustrations bring the characters and the other animals to life during the story. This striking version of the Tortoise and the Hare retold and illustrated by Helen Ward received the Association for Library Service to Children's notable award'.

'Lovely watercolour illustrations enhance this enchanting retelling of the Aesop fable. There are some charming surprises in the recounting of the story of the race between the two animals. Young and old alike will find much to appreciate in this wonderful book.'

In addition to the story, there is a Key to the Animals at the end of the story, providing the reader with information about the animals in the story.

Highly recommended'.