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INTRODUCTION

Stories have always interested and fascinated children and adults alike for centuries. They have been a means to involve the readers, or listeners, into self-study and inquisitive thinking. They provide them with a vent to explore and experiment with their imaginative and innovative skills. The effect of reading or listening to stories is often the ability to create stories, which a good reader or listener is ultimately blessed with. Not only this is true with the grown-ups but with kids also. Incidentally, the stories that they read or listen to may be about fairies, kings and queens, or ordinary characters. Whatever may be the elements in a story, it surely holds the property to captivate the mind of the readers or listeners only when it is well-written. Adventure stories are the stories which focus primarily on some thrilling events. Be it the cleverness or the will to survive, seen in the characters of adventure stories, children have always been able to identify with the perseverance that allows these characters to overcome whatever difficulty they encounter. The children are often inspired by the brave characters that face difficulties to achieve a good or justified cause, without even thinking of giving in. Obviously, such stories pull them out of timidity and help them be courageous. This is a collection of select adventure stories. The stories have been presented in very short form in an effort to acquaint the readers with as many stories as possible. We hope you will enjoy them.



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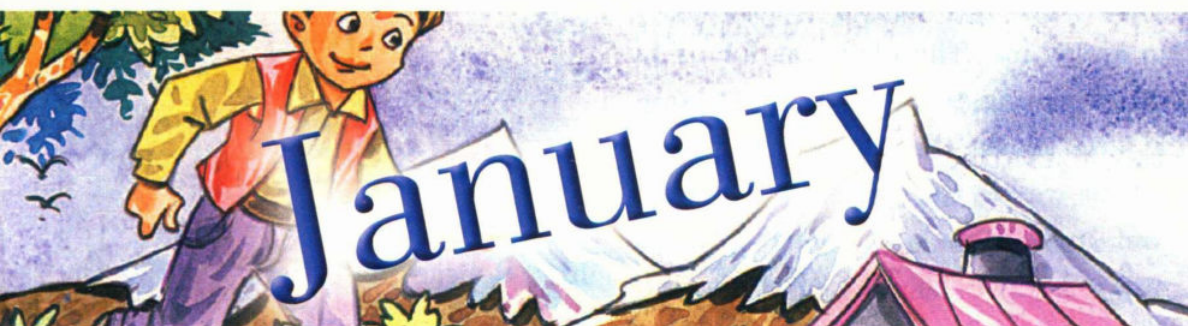
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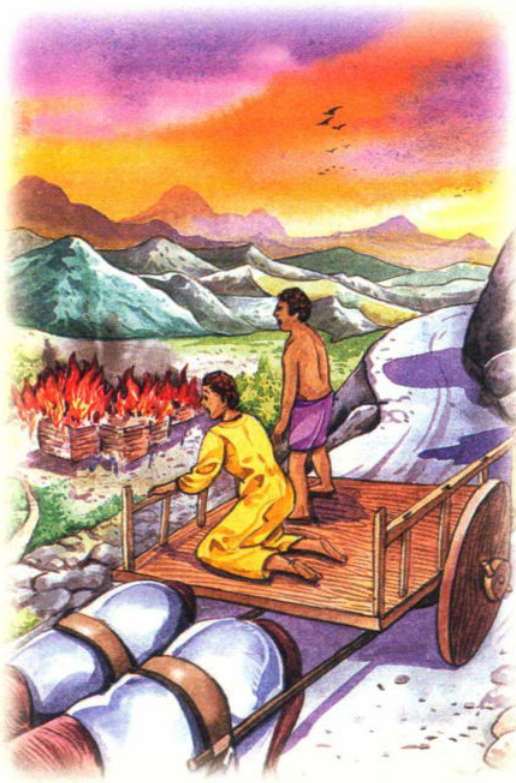
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Danger by the lake

They were late again, which began to annoy me. The plan was for us to go swimming at the third street lamp at six o'clock. Our three friends ran all the way to the street, up the path, and up to the lake. None of them stopped until the edge of the water. The green lake looks beautiful. Our three best friends stand there and stare at it. Danny, the youngest of us, is only eight years old, followed by his

brother Steve, who is four years older than Danny. Finally, it's me Martin. "Let's go into the water!" Cried Steve, pulling off his shirt and throwing it under his feet. When Steve jumped into the lake, Danny began to laugh, and so did I. All of a sudden, Steve stood up and cried! Steve's forehead was broken. There was a deep cut on his forehead, and there was a lot of blood. We immediately came out of the lake and took Steve home to treat the wound. Our parents criticized us. We don't play by the lake anymore.





2 JANUARY

A Dutch Family in the Revolution

In Flatbush, there was a family that spoke Dutch. When the British landed on Long Island, they got ready to leave the town. Femmetia, the most active of the daughters tapped the horses on their ears and started off the horsecart. The direction of the fire showed the father and daughter that it was their own house which was burning. When the fight was over, the family went back and found their house burned.

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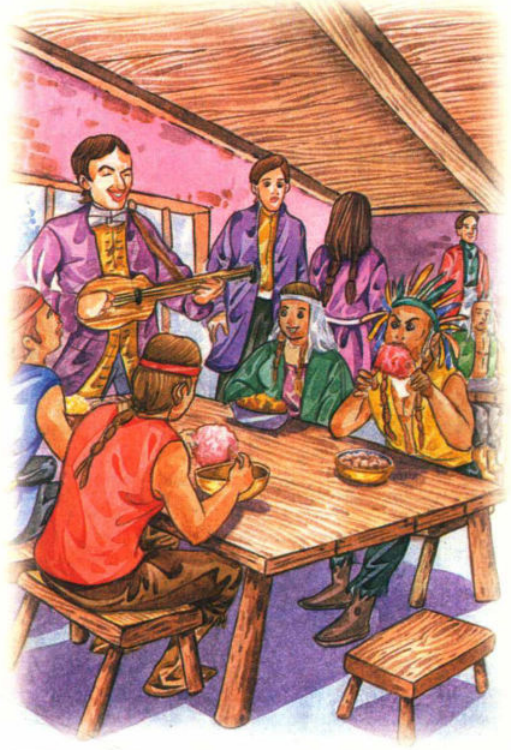
And then they began to build a new house. One night, a woman, Dian, came into the room below, and called Femmetia. She told her that the British soldiers had come into the barn, and that they would soon take away what so ever left. They dodged behind a great walnut tree. A lady in a neighboring house hid her gold coins in the middle of a great round ball of a pincushion. The woman who owned it expected that it would be torn, and all her gold would spill out, but she went on with her work. At last they gave it back to her, much-soiled, but holding its treasures safe.



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A Strange Escape

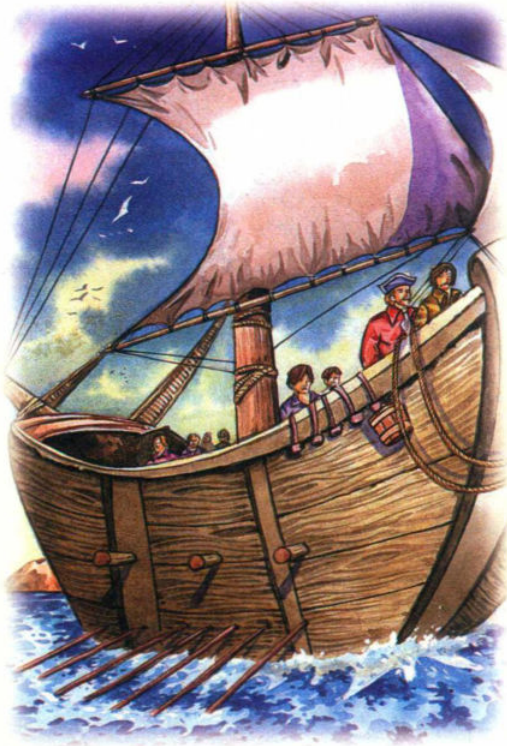
In 1658, Onondaga in New York, where lived the Onondaga Indians. The Indians had been very friendly. The Frenchmen went to work and built boats secretly. They want to get away without the Indians finding it out and pursuing them. One of the young Frenchmen invited the Indians to a feast. The Indians kept on eating, while the French amused them with dancing and games. The young Frenchman played on his guitar.



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The guests fell asleep while they were eating. The Frenchmen now quickly brought their boats down stairs and put them into the water. They rowed and paddled all the next day. The Indians slept late morning. They were surprised to see everything silent there. As they were sure that the French had no boats, they thought that the Frenchmen had, by some magic, made themselves invisible. Meanwhile, the French passed down Lake Ontario through many dangers. At last they reached Montreal, where the people looked on them as men that had come up from the grave.





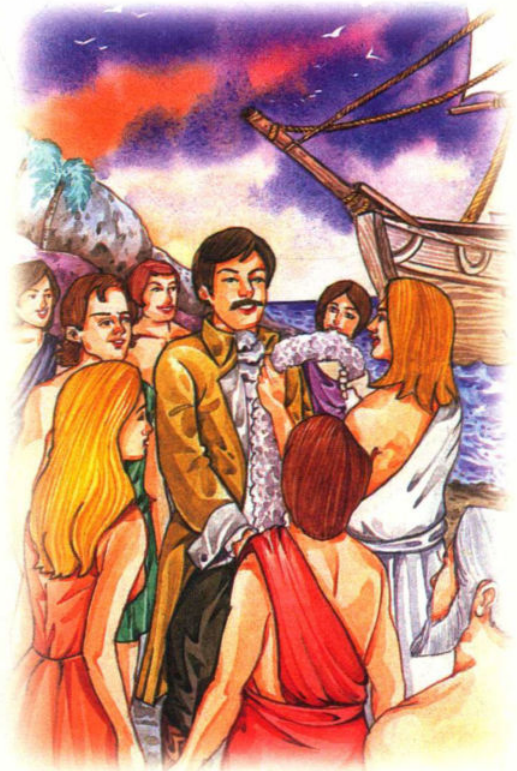
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Cook's plans were to go by way of the Cape of Good Hope to Van Diemen's Land and New Zealand, then to Otaheite. Here he was to leave Omai, the man who had come from that island to England with Captain Furneaux, on the *Adventure*. After leaving the Cape, rough weather followed the ships as they headed east past the storm-beaten Marion and Crozet Islands. Thence Cook went in search of Kerguelen Land, a large island discovered. Wherever he went, the natives threw themselves on the ground and covered their faces, till signs were made for them to rise.

6 JANUARY

Cook's Third and Last Voyage

Cook was now promoted to the rank of Post-Captain, and he was given an appointment which brought with it a good income. But he did not long stop at home to enjoy his honours. Before a year had passed, he had started on his third and last voyage of discovery. Cook offered to take command of this new expedition; he sailed from Plymouth in his old ship, the *Resolution*. With him went a smaller vessel, the *Discovery*, commanded by Captain Clerke.



8 JANUARY

Guy and His Lion

Once time Guy stayed a long while with the King of Greece, helping him to fight his battles. The King of Greece, loved him very much. He had no sons of his own, so he asked Guy to marry his daughter and become king after him. Buy Guy said, "I cannot. I love a beautiful lady who lives in England. Some day, when I am rich and famous, I will go back to marry her." One day Guy went out hunting. He came out into a large open space. A lion and a dragon were fiercely fighting there.



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Just then lion jumped up, putting its two great paws gently on Guy's shoulders, licked his face. He brought the lion home. Guy loved his lion very much. Everyone loved Guy, but Morgadour. Once Morgadour killed the lion. Guy was furiously angry. He went off at once to teach him a lesson. Morgadour took out his sword, but could not have a chance to give a blow to Guy. Soon he failed. Morgadour begged him to pardon. Guy did not kill him. He took a ship and sailed away, never again to return.



10 JANUARY

Adventures of Pinocchio

One day, Geppetto, an old woodcarver was making a puppet. He made a realistic puppet. He named him Pinocchio. He loved Pinocchio as his little son and sent him to school. But Pinocchio was a naughty puppet, instead of going to school, he sold his books and went to see a Marionette's show in theater. In the show, seeing other puppets performing, he thought, "I can dance and sing better than those puppets." He climbed onto the stage. "Get off my stage," said the Puppet Master.



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But when he noticed how much the crowd liked Pinocchio, he pardoned and gave him five gold coins. Pinocchio put the coins into his sack and moved towards his home. On the way, he met a clever cat and a wicked fox. They seized his gold coins. But fortunately, a fairy rescued Pinocchio. She advised him to give the gold coins to his father and also told him that if he would lie in future, his nose would grow in size. Then, Pinocchio reached his home. He said sorry to his father and gave him the gold coins. Geppetto hugged his son lovingly. From that day, Pinocchio became a good boy. In reward, the fairy made him a real boy and gave him many gold coins.

