



## Tales of Discovery



### DIGITAL AUDIO BOOKS AND ACTIVITY PACKS



**This wonderful resource is adaptable for different age groups and learning abilities. The stories will appeal to listeners of all ages.**

**Available to East Ayrshire via Creative Minds Glow site  
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This beautifully illustrated anthology of traditional tales is accompanied by a compendium of engaging activities shaped around each story designed to stimulate talking, listening, reading and writing in a creative learning setting.



#### **Each story folder contains -**

##### **Audio book**

These have been recorded in two parts to allow listeners to suggest their own conclusion to the story before hearing the actual ending.

##### **Creative activities**

These include discussion prompts, VCOP challenges, expressive arts exercises, mind-mapping, storyboarding, sentence building and other creative tasks with suggestions for interdisciplinary learning. All of the tasks are freestanding and can be used, omitted or adapted at teachers' or learners' discretion. The packs include some photos and illustrations but further visual stimuli are suggested and these can easily be sourced online.

##### **Story Text**

The text can be used as a preparatory reading exercise, or followed while listening to the audio book.



## STORY MENU



**The Selkie Bride** is a traditional Scottish folk tale set against the enchanting scenery of the Hebrides. It tells of a fisherman who meets and falls in love with a beautiful Selkie maiden, who is caught off guard having momentarily cast off her sealskin. This is a bittersweet tale of family bonds and the nature of love.

**The Wise Woman of Neidpath** is another Scottish folk tale, this one set in the Borders. The Laird of Neidpath hears about a mysterious local woman who has magical powers. When he discovers the possibilities, he tries to possess her for himself, but in doing so he gets more than he bargained for.

**Selekana** is an African folk tale about the most kind-hearted girl from a Bantu tribe whose supposed friends play a cruel trick on her. This is a powerful story about loyalty, envy and justice, in which Mother Nature plays a special part in dealing out just deserts.



**The Cherry Blossom Story** tells the tale of how the famous pink-petalled tree first came to Japan and why its transient beauty is celebrated every year. In the story an elderly couple and their little dog Shiro help us understand the importance of kindness and beauty in Japanese culture.



**Theseus and the Minotaur** is the most famous of the Cretan Myths and is the story of an Athenian Prince who must confront The Minotaur, a ferocious beast, half-man, half-bull, imprisoned in the labyrinth of the evil King Minos of Crete. From the most ancient of European civilisations, this is a story of heroism, love, ingenuity and neglect with surprising and sometimes tragic twists.

**The Three Princes and the Young Princess** is one of the lesser-known tales among the *One Thousand and One Nights* (*Arabian Nights*). It is a story of good-natured sibling rivalry, endurance and resourcefulness, set in a variety of exotic locations spanning the Middle East, Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. Fate inevitably plays a significant role in the eventual outcome.



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