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and other stories from Rumi

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When we were kids, our grandmas and grandpas sat next to our little beds and told us bedtime stories. When they were not around, our parents would do so. We looked at their kind faces while listening and soon fell asleep. The next morning we decided to stay awake at night not to miss the end of the story again, but we could rarely do so. Now that we are older, we can read books by ourselves and enjoy them.

Rumi's Masnavi Manavi is perhaps one of the most interesting books to read. It is full of nice stories. You will read six of them here in this book. The stories in this book are in simple English.

These are stories of animals and birds. Some happy, some sad! Some good, some bad! In the first story, a frog meets a mouse. Will they make good friends? In the second story, a tricky fox takes a donkey to the forest to eat fresh grass and enjoy life. Will the donkey be happy? In the other stories, a parrot goes bald, a rabbit finds a way to get rid of a lion, and a fox learns a good lesson from a wolf! Will they keep us awake? Let's hope we won't fall asleep before we finish the stories!