

KANCIL BOOK COMMENTS

Yesterday I received your envelope with "Kancil's Secret Life". Thank you so much. Of course, I read it immediately and was completely entertained. It is, as always, a lovely read and I enjoyed your introduction of the orchids into the story. I liked learning about the connection of the male wasp being the pollinator of the orchid. The beautiful orchid is actually a female trickster luring the male wasp with its wonderful fragrance.... nature is so very clever!

Also, I did not know that the secret of Kancil's parents was the union between a frog and a sheep.... Now I know and that explains everything. Nature has it's magical, clever ways - not to be questioned everything is possible..... that's why I love fables and folklore.

Thank you Irene and Eddy, for setting this lovely story to print. I loved reading it.

Tamara Fielding 27/02/2015

Mali came downstairs this morning with her book, telling me she read it all last night and finished it this morning. She said she really enjoyed it, and the best part was that the Prince, even though his father banished him from the kingdom, he returned to save the animals and ensure they were safe and protected. She said she really enjoyed the story. Thank you. She said she may read it to her younger sister at some point soon. 9 YEAR OLD GIRL
30/06/2016

If you have the new edition copies by then I would
> love to bye one. I love your stories too they are sweet and naive as well
> as all knowing which is an amazing combination in my opinion. I hear your
> voice when I read them too; and it reminds me of our childhood when you
> would read your wonderful stories to me. Your vivid imagination was then
> and still is awe inspiring.

BONNIE LAWRENCE

10/10/2016

Congratulations on the publication of this next Kancil book! I shall ask mas Eddy how I can get copies of the series.

Years ago, I attended the celebration for the circumcision of a dhalang friend's son. As the evening performance prior to the all-night wayang kulit, there was a performance of wayang kancil. Mas Eddy was the dhalang. It was the standard "Kancil Steals a Cucumber" story, until the end, when -- much to everyone's surprise -- Kancil got away not by tricking the dog, but by saying that he was an endangered species, so they couldn't eat him! How about that for bringing contemporary issues into the tradition?

Best wishes,
Joan Suyenaga
16/11/2016

In collaboration with a Professor at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Java, I have written a new Kancil or mouse deer story book called 'The Shiver on the River. The story, known as a clock story,

sets out a chain of incidents beginning with Kancil trampling on baby otters. This story has been retold many times since 853 AD and my story is the latest in a long tradition. In this story Kancil is taken to court. What will happen to him? How have the other animals contributed to the action? The second part of the book shows how Kancil has become a hero of the clean water. This is a new environmental tale to show readers the importance of caring for the world around them.

Read my and Eddy Pursubaryanto's latest book, a new interpretation of a very old Indonesian folk story. First editions are now available and stock is limited. Cost is \$20.00 plus \$5.00 for postage and handling in Australia. All proceeds go to Gadjah Mada University for further printing costs. The University have also bought 100 copies so that students can practice their English language skills in reading comprehension. Irene Ritchie

7/11/2016

Hi Irene,

It's devastating the destruction of fauna (and flora) in our world (though it's still a little short of a miracle that Indonesia still has the rhinos, elephants, tapirs, babirusa, maleo, kancil and tarsiers (my favourites) for all these milleniums) and it's wonderful to have books written about these animals in order to conserve them. The beautiful, huge butterflies in my childhood yard/garden are all long gone. They were the more vulnerable...Sian No 15/12/15

Teacher buying book at VILTA conference- I'm after logical stories without magic and mysticism. Many of my stories are just that, logical, problem solving by negotiation, trickery to save your life, wit and quick thinking of a life threatening situation. A young teacher did not want any Kancil stories with magic or mysticism. He wanted to read and use the stories to read to his students about how Kancil uses wit and intelligence to solve problems and how he shows that size doesn't matter in survival techniques. March 2017

Looking for children's books? A great read for the grandkids. Grandma. March 2017