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# INTRODUCTION

“Tut, tut, child” said the Duchess.  
“Everything’s got a moral, if only  
you can find it.”

— Lewis Carroll, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*



A fable is a very short story that tells us how to behave or that teaches us a lesson. Usually, but not always, fables are stories about animals that talk like people. The lesson that a fable teaches us is called a moral. It’s not hard to find the morals in the fables in this book. They are written in italics (slanted letters) at the bottom of the fables.

Aesop is believed to have been a Greek slave who made up these stories to make his life easier. Nobody is really sure if Aesop made up these fables. What is certain, however, is that the stories called