

**Guidelines for Readers**  
***Power of Goodness Story Collections***

**First reading for selection:**

1. Please send for one story at a time noting the title and author of the story as well as your name, address, email address and phone number so we can contact you to follow up.
2. Is the story well-written, concise, compelling and feel like it will hold up to the test of time?
3. Would children 6-10 years old, pre-teens and teenagers and adults enjoy the story?
4. Is it clear when and when it is set? And who wrote (or illustrated) it and where they are from?
5. Does the story reflect the universal power of goodness, peace, healing, reconciliation, nonviolence, friendship, kindness, love, integrity, compassion, forgiveness, respect for diversity - especially cultural and religious, and so on?
6. Does the story meet the **PoG Guidelines for Writers**?
  - a. A single, true incident that
  - b. models behaviors and actions
  - c. for young people and adults in the ways of peace,
  - d. shows change and transformation,
  - e. uses dialog in the 300-1500 words,
  - f. has active roles for children and
  - g. does not proselytize (though may include religion as it naturally occurs in the story).
7. Please note any:
  - a. Themes consistent with the Power of Goodness.
  - b. Clarifying questions or information about the setting or historical background.
  - c. Clarifying questions or information about the story.
  - d. Discussion questions for a story.
  - e. Key vocabulary and/or translation notes of interest.
  - f. Activities, if any, that seem to go with the story.
8. Do you recommend including this story in the global story pool? Please comment.

This will contribute to building a "Teacher's Manual" to go with the stories.

Thank you for your participation in this work!

Submit reader comments, translations or new stories to [PowerofGoodness@FriendsPeaceTeams.org](mailto:PowerofGoodness@FriendsPeaceTeams.org), or to:  
Power of Goodness, 90 W. University St. Alfred, NY 14802 USA [power-of-goodness.info](http://power-of-goodness.info) (*history & English stories*)

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