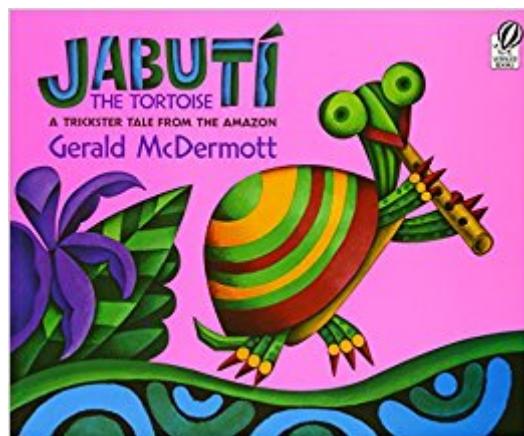


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# Jabutí-The Tortoise: A Trickster Tale From The



## **Synopsis**

Of all the animals in the rain forest, JabutÃ- was the favorite. His shell was smooth and shiny, and the songs he played on his flute were sweet. But his music was a reminder, too, of the mischievous pranks JabutÃ- sometimes played. His song reminded Tapir of being tricked, Jaguar of being fooled, and time and again it reminded Vulture that he had no song at all. When a concert takes place in heaven, Vulture offers to fly JabutÃ- there . . . all the while plotting a trick of his own. Gerald McDermott makes myths new again for readers of all ages, using language as vibrant and colorful as his bold illustrations.Â JabutÃ- is an unusual tale of a tricksterâ™s fall from grace, and of how creation can sometimes come from chaos.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Another installment in Gerald McDermott's wise and whimsical trickster series, JabutÃ- the Tortoise tells the tale of the jungle's shiny-shelled mischief-maker. Although JabutÃ- doesn't come across as the most clever trickster around in this particular retelling (he's duped by that crabby old Vulture and ends up getting bailed out by the King of Heaven), the colorful pipe-player and his songs are clearly well loved. Well, by everybody but his victims, that is: "Jaguar could remember when JabutÃ- tricked him into chasing his own tail," and "Tapir could remember when JabutÃ- tricked him into a tug-of-war with Whale." But we do get to learn how Tortoise's shell became cracked, and why

Toucan, Macaw, and Hummingbird boast such brilliant colors. Not the most notable entry in this region-by-region series, but beautiful and boldly colored nonetheless. Kids who aren't immediately hooked by JabutÃ©'s story will likely still get drawn in by McDermott's vibrant colors and straightforward compositions of simply shaped jungle creatures set against a bright pink dawn. (Ages 4 to 8) Paul Hughes --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

With its shocking-pink jacket and swirls of brilliant designs, McDermott's retelling of this rain forest tale is visually arresting but narratively a bit colorless. The reputed trickster JabutÃ¡ gets his comeuppance when a jealous Vulture offers to fly the tortoise and his flute to the King of Heaven's festival of song, then wickedly drops his passenger down from the skies. The King of Heaven chastises the vulture, and the birds who put JabutÃ¡'s smooth shell back together again gain new feathers as their reward. Though JabutÃ¡'s shell is "cracked and patched," his "song is sweet." Oddly, JabutÃ¡ doesn't possess a trickster's lively intelligence or cleverness, and the story's plot is resolved by the God of Heaven's intervention rather than by the protagonist's cunning. The story begins with the animals that JabutÃ¡ has tricked, but they all disappear immediately in favor of a pourquoi tale about how the tortoise got the cracks on his shell. McDermott's illustrations, on the other hand, vibrate with electric colors and patterns. Jabuti's huge eyes and geometric smile, and the interior, brightly colored birds are startling when silhouetted against the pink sky. Ages 4-8.

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My grandson loves these trickster books.

My second grade students love this book ... it meets our state learning standards for reading folk tales from other cultures. It is also an Accelerated Reader book!

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