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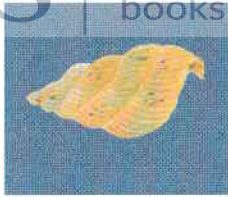
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New words
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Tamasha
and the
troll



shell



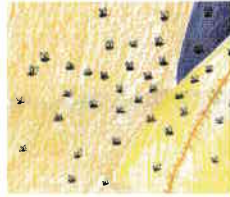
rock



troll



drum



bees

Tokoyo
and the sea
serpent



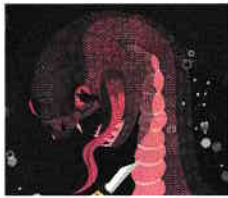
samurai



Emperor



bow and arrow



serpent



statue



Chandra
and the
elephants



Rajah



elephant



rice (grain of rice)



board



square



Sea Girl
and the
golden key



mountain



lake



key



cave

Note about the stories

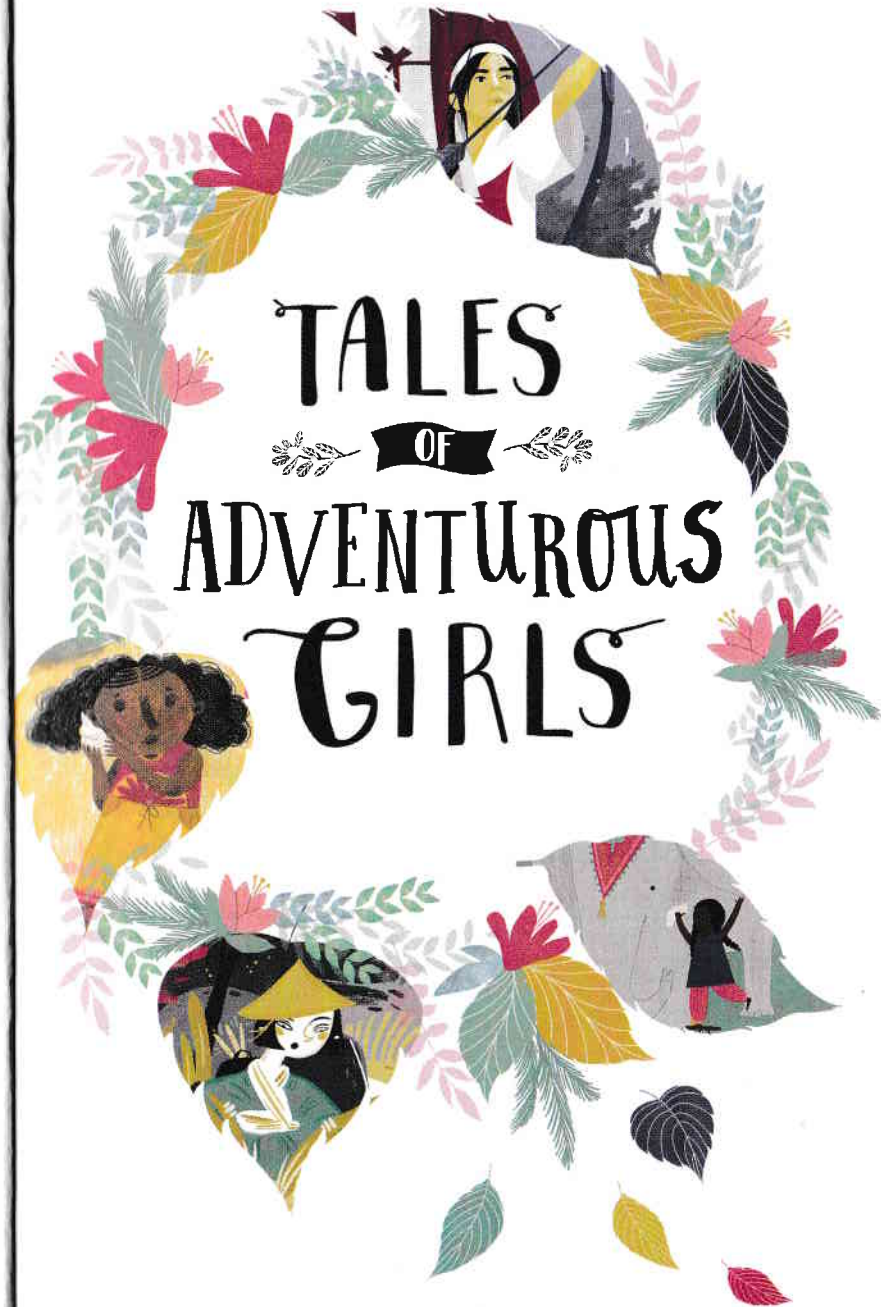
Girls in fairy stories are often very beautiful and wear beautiful clothes, but they are not **adventurous***. Their fathers, brothers and husbands go out and do **dangerous** things, but the girls wait for them at home.

The girls in these four fairy stories come from different places. They come from Zanzibar, Japan, India and China, but they are all the same. They help their families, friends and animals. Sometimes, the world is dangerous, but these girls are adventurous and **brave**.

Before-reading questions

- 1 Look at the cover of the book. What are the stories about, do you think? Write your answer in your notebook.
- 2 Read the back cover of the book. Which of these sentences are true, do you think? Write your answer in your notebook.
 - a The book is about girls in their homes.
 - b The book is about brave girls.
 - c The book is about brave men and boys.
 - d The book is about girls in England.
 - e The book is about girls in different countries.
- 3 Make two lists in your notebook with the words from the “New words” pages. You can call the lists “Words I know” and “Words I must learn”.

*Definitions of words in **bold** can be found in the glossary on pages 62–63.



Tamasha and the troll

Tamasha lived with her mother and two sisters on the beautiful **island** of Zanzibar.

One day, the sisters went to the beach, and Tamasha found a beautiful white shell. She **held** it near to her ear. “Oh! I can hear the sea!” she thought. Then she sang the song of the sea.

In the evening, the sisters walked home.

“Oh! I forgot my shell!” Tamasha **cried**. Then she ran back to the beach. Her sisters did not go with her.

