

Has the Thief no Crime?

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In this book, elements from more than one of Nasreddin Hodja's stories have been combined to make a single story.

NASREDDIN HODJA

When we hear his name, we immediately think of a long white beard, a big turban, a flowing robe and a smiling face. Then a big smile spreads across our own faces.

He is full of witty remarks, and he has something clever to say in every situation.

We laugh when we think of his stories.

Nasreddin Hodja was born almost 800 years ago in the 13th century, in what is today the city of Konya in Turkey and lived much of his life in a place called Akşehir.

WHAT WE WILL LEARN

When we read this book we will:

- Improve our vocabulary and our control of the language that we use.
- Develop our reading abilities.
- Learn polite and courteous phrases and when to use them.
- Guess what the text says based on the illustrations.
- Learn the names of the parts of the day and how to use them properly.
- Learn what is necessary to be courteous in our social lives and how to do these things ourselves.
- Learn from Nasreddin Hodja's vast knowledge about right and wrong.
- Learn to understand sequences of events.
- Improve our ability to investigate something that has happened.
- Learn to make a plan for the things you want to do in the day
- Understand the relationship between the causes and effects of things that happen.
- Learn to look for who, what, when, where, why and how in what we read.

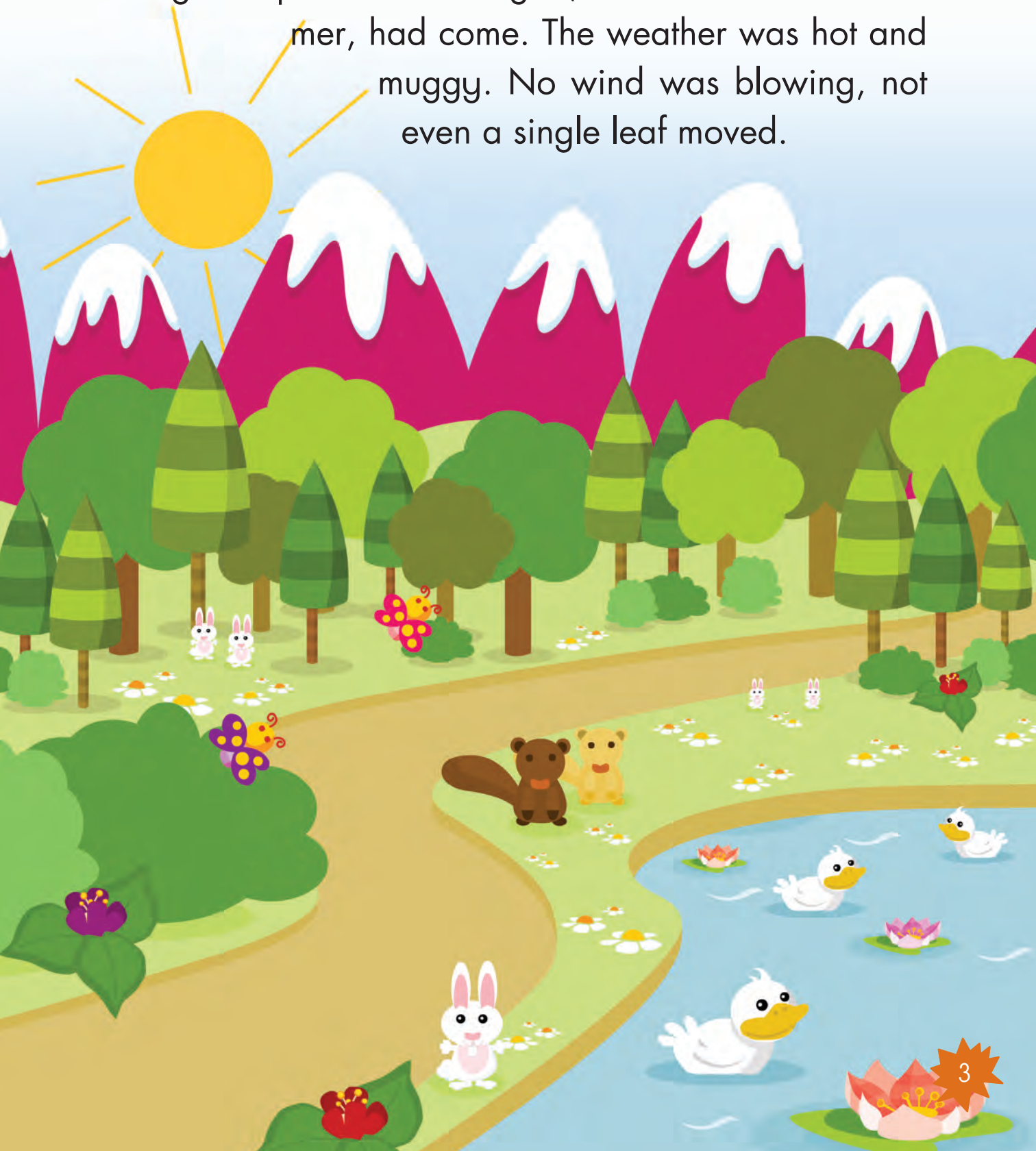
And last but not least, we will get to meet Nasreddin Hodja!

CONCEPTS:

When we read this book we will learn concepts such as:

- Concepts regarding time (day, month, season)
- Animals and sounds (Donkeys, roosters, birds)
 - Fast - Slow
 - Far - Near
 - Old - New
 - Hot - Cold
 - Before - After
 - Open - Closed
 - To be tired - To rest
 - To increase - To decrease

The sun was shining brightly in the sky. June and July had passed and August, the last month of summer, had come. The weather was hot and muggy. No wind was blowing, not even a single leaf moved.



Around noontime, all the people went into their homes because of the heat. All of the animals in the forest went into their nests. Nasreddin Hodja had tied up a hammock between two willow trees and was resting in it.



There in the shade below the hanging branches of the willow tree it was cool. Little birds landed on the beautiful branches decorated with their leaves. While Nasreddin Hodja was listening to the sweet song of the birds, he also heard his neighbor calling for him.



Nasreddin sat up in his hammock. The neighbor who had been passing by asked respectfully,

“How are you, Nasreddin Hodja?”

Nasreddin Hodja answered,

“I’m fine, neighbor. I’m resting. How are you? Where are you off to?”





The neighbor said "I'm fine too. This morning I was working in my shop. I was so hot. Yesterday my wife made plum pudding. I'm going to have some to cool off."

Nasreddin Hodja said,
"That's good. I like plum
pudding too, and it
would be won-
derful to have
some in this
weather."

