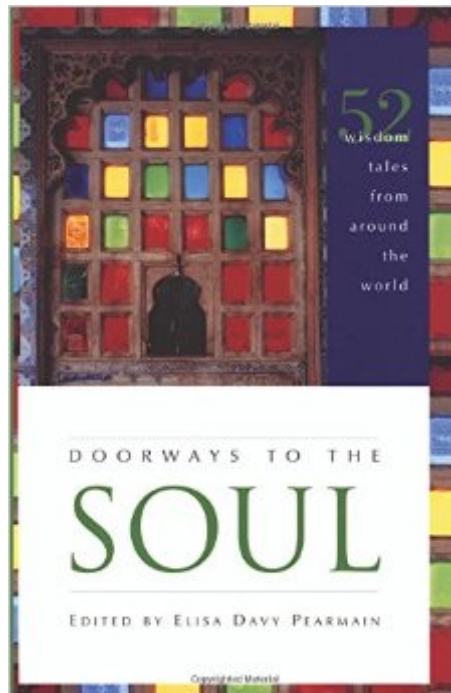


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# Doorways To The Soul: 52 Wisdom Tales From Around The World



## Synopsis

Winner of the Storytelling World Honor Award, 1999 *Stories* hold the promise of illuminating generation after generation of listeners with truths at each new telling. In this delightful collection of wisdom tales, parables, and anecdotes from around the world, Elisa Pearmain offers an uplifting story for each week of the year to invite persons of all ages to discover the universal power of "Once upon a time . . ." Presenting timeless tales from a panoply of cultures, along with questions for reflection, she gives creative suggestions to strengthen our connection to our spiritual selves and to the wondrously diverse world around us.

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## Customer Reviews

When I got this book I was originally going to read it as suggested - one story a week. But the stories are so good I went through more than a story a day. But in each case I saw something that applied to my inner work and life. I will be reading this again a story a week and going deeper with it. It is one of those books I will be returning to again and again like the Tao Te Ching, a book I use for inspiration and guidance. The stories are great stories by themselves, so even if you were to get nothing from the intent of the book (which is HIGHLY unlikely) then you still have a great book of tales. Most of the stories are traditional folk tales and parables and come from all cultures. There are Buddhist tales, tales from India, Hasidic, Sufi and First American tales, European, African, Zen and Christian tales which all offer great insight to ourselves and the world around us. Some of the tales are less than a page in length, others are longer at two or three pages. The 'work' Pearmain

suggests you do is explore the story, visualize the story, writing about the story, exploring the story through expressive art form, making a personal connection to the story, trying on the ideas of the story, sharing it with others and creating a personal vision to guide your journey using the stories and book as a whole. These are all a series of exercises Pearmain suggests and offers ideas of who to use at the end of each tale. Of course you can pick and chose what you want to do with each story, if anything. Each story has a depth to it which can be plumbed using the techniques Pearmain offers. And you can discover parts of yourself and your life in these tales. As I read them I saw myself in ways I did not before, sometimes as the 'bad guy', which caught me off guard.

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