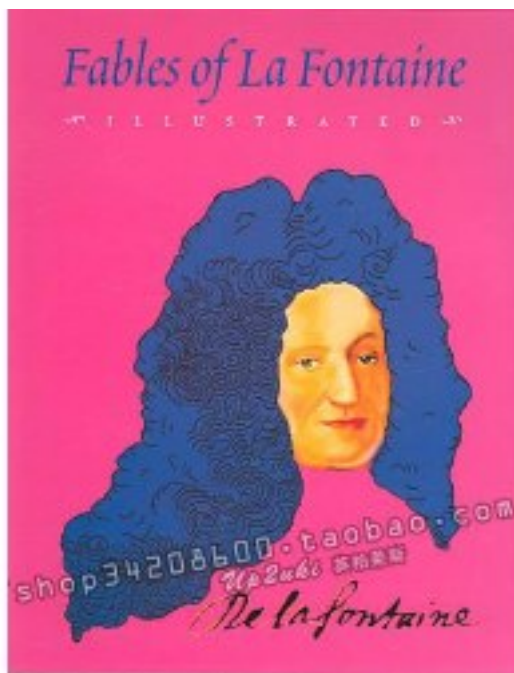


# fables of la fontaine



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Hare and the Tortoise", that have delighted generations of children and adults, but also a trove of lesser-known satiric fables, such as "The Man Between Two Ages and His Two Mistresses", translated here with sophisticated gusto and an elegance worthy of La Fontaine's enduring genius. A cogent introduction by Constantine Christofides describes the volatile social context of seventeenth-century France as well as the literary tradition, stemming from Aesop, that underlies La Fontaine's fables. Koren Christofides, the project's initiator and director, gives a curator's account in her preface of the present-day artists' exhibition from which the book's illustrations were chosen.

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不是高深的道理 相反地 是一幅幅引人入胜的图画 和几句听来浅显的寓言词句 读这本书  
是想在欣赏图画的同时品味寓意 顺便重温一下我童年的无忧无虑。 P.S  
此书虽有很多耳熟能详的寓言故事，但总体...

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