

The Educational Role of Panchatantra in Children's Literature

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Abstract: *Children's literature plays an essential role in shaping the moral, intellectual, and emotional development of young readers. One of the most influential works in this field is the ancient Indian collection of fables known as the Panchatantra. Traditionally attributed to Vishnu Sharma, the Panchatantra consists of interconnected stories that use animals as characters to teach practical wisdom and ethical values. The primary aim of the text was to educate young princes in governance, social relationships, and moral behavior through engaging narratives. This paper examines the educational role of the Panchatantra in children's literature by analyzing its themes, narrative techniques, and moral lessons. It also explores how these stories contribute to cognitive development, ethical awareness, and cultural education among children. The study highlights the relevance of the Panchatantra in modern educational contexts and its continued influence on children's literature worldwide.*

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