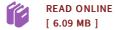




## Jabuti the Tortoise (Paperback)

## By Gerald McDermott

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN, United States, 2005. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. With its shocking-pink jacket and swirls of brilliant designs, McDermott s retelling of this rain forest tale is visually arresting but narratively a bit colorless. The reputed trickster Jabuti gets his comeuppance when a jealous Vulture offers to fly the tortoise and his flute to the King of Heaven s festival of song, then wickedly drops his passenger down from the skies. The King of Heaven chastises the vulture, and the birds who put Jabuti s smooth shell back together again gain new feathers as their reward. Though Jabuti s shell is cracked and patched , his song is sweet . Oddly, Jabuti doesn t possess a trickster s lively intelligence or cleverness, and the story s plot is resolved by the God of Heaven s intervention rather than by the protagonist s cunning. The story begins with the animals that Jabuti has tricked, but they all disappear immediately in favor of a pourquoi tale about how the tortoise got the cracks on his shell. McDermott s illustrations, on the other hand, vibrate with electric colors and patterns. Jabuti s huge eyes and geometric smile,...



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