



## PATHFINDER: Indonesia

### BOOKS:

#### Picture Books

Sierra, Judy. (2000). *The gift of the Crocodile: A Cinderella Story*.

Indonesian Children's Favorite Stories. "Offers a taste of how universal values of bravery, cleverness, true love, kindness and loyalty are transmitted to Indonesian children. Astute princesses, resourceful villagers and daring travelers appear throughout. Retold for an international audience, these beautifully illustrated stories provide children with an insight into the traditional culture, morals and environment of Indonesia."

#### Indonesian Folktales

Indonesian folktales fall into three categories:

- Aesop's Fables type stories with an obvious moral and using animals to represent character traits, eg the *kancil* (pronounced *kun-chill*) stories

- Creative explanations for the existence of natural features in the environment, eg the 'Malin Kundang' (pronounced *mah-leen koon-dung*) story which tells of the existence of a rock resembling a kneeling man on the shore in Padang, Sumatra
- Stories that have a formulaic fairytale pattern, eg 'Keong Mas' (pronounced *kay-ong mahs*), the Golden Snail.

#### FICTION:

Dubois, *The Twenty-One Balloons*. Relates the incredible adventures of Professor William Waterman Sherman who in 1883 sets off in a balloon across the Pacific, survives the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa, and is eventually picked up in the Atlantic.

Fama, Elizabeth. *Overboard* (2002)



Escaping from a sinking ferry in the waters off Sumatra, fourteen-year-old Emily fights for survival for herself and a young Indonesian boy, who draws courage from his quiet but firm Islamic faith.

### NON-FICTION:

Jaffe, Elizabeth. (2002) *Marbles*. Games Around the World Series also highlights marbles in Indonesia (kelereng)

Smith, Datus. *The Land and People of Indonesia*. A portrait of the Nation Series featuring culture of Indonesia.

*Tsunami*

Campbell, Joy. (1998). *Batik*.

*Balinese Masks*

*Religions*

Check out an atlas for some interesting facts about Indonesia and its landscape

*Indonesia Festivals of the World*

## Websites:

**Learn more about the importance of rice:**

[www.asiarice.org](http://www.asiarice.org)

**Reading Public Museum**

<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/%7Eepsanday/eggi2.html> Take a virtual tour of an Indonesian Village

<http://www.readingpublicmuseum.org/galleries/first/asian.html> See shadow puppets and batik that are trademarks of the Indonesian culture



<http://www.gimonca.com/sejarah/pronounce.html> a pronunciation guide of Indonesian words

<http://www.planetmole.org/06-04/berani-teaching-children-indonesia.html> Planet Mole features arts and culture of Indonesia

<http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/goindonesia/index.htm> A guide to Indonesia with visual prompts

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids/index.html> Peace Corps site for kids

**MASKS AND HANDMADE ITEMS FORM BALI AND JAVA -Please note this is a commercial site designed to sell items but it does spotlight the artists**

<http://www.novica.com/region/bali-and-java/index.cfm?rID=10>

**ANIMALS OF INDONESIA**

<http://www.kidcyber.com.au/topics/trip/indflfaun.htm>

**SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CLOTHING, FOOD, TRANSPORT**

<http://www.kidcyber.com.au/topics/tripIndonesia.htm>

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COUNTRY STUDY**

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/idthoc.html>

<http://www.englishclub.com/tefl/viewtopic.php?p=2988&sid=0f846f5dc2623a2ff9944edef4096298>

<http://www.epals.com/community/>

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[www.lii.org](http://www.lii.org) Librarian's Guide to the Internet

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## VIDEOS:

<http://www.pbs.org/wildindonesia/filming/>

People of the Rainforest, (1996).

Schlessinger Video.

Looks at many different people living in the rain forests of Costa Rica, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Brazil and Indonesia.

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