

## The Cultural Awareness Project

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Tales of Qatari Heritage are a set of inspiring local folktales, legends and stories that comprise important parts of Qatar's cultural legacy. This unique project was led by Jeffrey Maggard. It involved more than 20 Foundation Program Department of English (FPDE) faculty, who worked as members of the Cultural Awareness Team,



A person who does not know the value of a falcon will grill it: By Deena Ahmad Alfalasi



The Song of the Warrior: By Fatma Eisa I A Al-Mohannadi

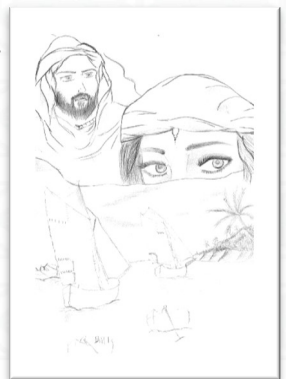
and over 100 students. The student volunteers participated in faculty-led workshops on oral storytelling collection and narrative writing.

The students then went to elders in their communities to collect, transcribe, edit, and translate more than 50 unique stories. Students were asked to collect stories that were local, championed local axiology, highlighted moral lessons, and demonstrated Islamic values. The stories were then illustrated by twenty Foundation Program student artists as well as illustrators from Qatar University's Alumni Association Sketch Chapter (AASC).

Participating in the project required students to hone their skills as narrators, authors and illustrators. Moreover, the students developed their language, research, translation, and narrative writing skills.

These tasks added to their cultural knowledge, bilingual literacy, creativity, and most of all, their knowledge of how to preserve and disseminate intangible cultural artifacts.

Twenty-two original tales were selected as a representative of Qatar's cultural legacy. Along with the original artwork, the project preserves largely forgotten gems of Qatari folklore. The Cultural Awareness Team hope that you will enjoy reading this unique collection of Qatari stories, folktales, and legends.



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