

TURKISH LEGENDS AND TALES



DEDE KORKUT (GRANDFATHER KORKUT)

Dede Korkut "Grandfather Korkut," is a well known soothsayer and bard, and an advisor or sage, solving difficulties faced by tribal members in Turkish oral tradition .

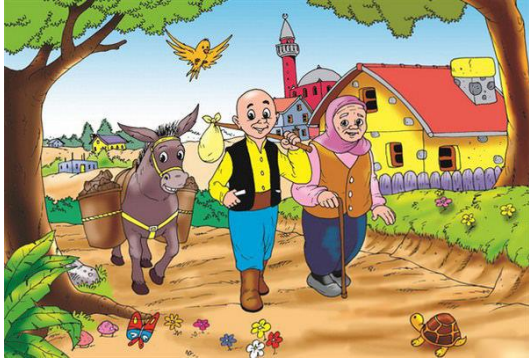
The tales related to Dede Korkut was later collected as a heroic legend known as Oghuz-nameh of the Oghuz people .

The legend starts out in Central Asia and continues in Iran, Azerbaijan and Anatolia

Dede Korkut tales have importance for the

Turkish people especially for their ethnic identity, history, customs and the value systems throughout history

These stories carry morals and values significant to the social lifestyle of the nomadic Turkic peoples and their pre-Islamic beliefs .



KELOĞLAN (BALD BOY)

Keloğlan tales taking place among the most beautiful examples of the Turkish fairy tale.

Keloğlan is a very good-hearted, clean, modest person who is liked by everyone.

He is famous for its intelligence, cunning and no hair.

Keloğlan lives with his mother the most and almost never leaves his mother's word.

He's always on the lookout for a job, his laziness is too dominant.

One of the most prominent features is that it is ready-to-answer.

He is in love with the sultan's daughter and tries to reach her in almost every fairy tale.

Keloğlan tales have reflections of Turkish cultural features include.

Events around Keloğlan are told by presenting examples from Turkish culture.

FERHAT AND ŞİRİN

Ferhat lived in Amasya many years ago.

He is a miniaturist. While decorating the walls of the palace, he falls in love sister of the Banu Sultan and wants get to marry her.

Her name is ŞİRİN . 'Şirin' means cute.

The sultan asks him if he wants to marry her sister, he will dig the mountain and bring water to the town.

Ferhat knows that it is very difficult or even impossible.

However, FERHAT loves ŞİRİN very much,so starts to dig.He digs for days and leads water channels.

BANU SULTAN hears the channels, and annouced that ŞİRİN is dead.

Ferhat cannot believe and get sad so much. Ferhat cannot withstand this pain and dies down the slopes of the mountain and dies

That love story is told for years.



MAIDEN'S TOWER

The Maiden's Tower is the only architectural monument from the Roman Empire .

During the Roman period, the tower was used as a place of exile and isolation, just like the Ottomans.

It is told that The king or Sultan dreams that his daughter will be stung by a snake.To protect her,sends his daughter to the maiden tower.

He only lets his wife go there to take food and drinks for her.She is very upset because she can watch only the beautiful view from the tower.

One day she is stung by a snake hiding in a basket of food and dies.The Sultan and the people mourn for days.



ŞAHMERAN



The legend of Şahmeran comes from South Anatolia. Şahmeran was half a snake and half a very beautiful woman.

She is queen of the all snakes.

One day, A villager walks into a cave where thousands of snakes were sleeping. There ,he meets Şahmeran.

Şahmeran is the only one who knows how to cure all diseases on earth. Tells everything she knows to villager.

But one day he has to say to king her place in the forest.Kings soldier finds and kills her.

After that day all snakes are afraid of human and attack them.And snakes symbolize medicine in most places in the World.