



# Tales of the Punjab

*Flora Annie Webster Steel*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Tales of the Punjab

*Flora Annie Webster Steel*

## **Tales of the Punjab** Flora Annie Webster Steel

It is sunset. Over the limitless plain, vast and unbroken as the heaven above, the hot cloudless sky cools slowly into shadow. The men leave their labour amid the fields, which, like an oasis in the desert, surround the mud-built village, and, plough on shoulder, drive their bullocks homewards. The women set aside their spinning-wheels, and prepare the simple evening meal. The little girls troop, basket on head, from the outskirts of the village, where all day long they have been at work, kneading, drying, and stacking the fuel-cakes so necessary in that woodless country. The boys, half hidden in clouds of dust, drive the herds of gaunt cattle and ponderous buffaloes to the thorn-hedged yards. The day is over, the day which has been so hard and toilful even for the children,—and with the night comes rest and play. The village, so deserted before, is alive with voices; the elders cluster round the courtyard doors, the little ones whoop through the narrow alleys. But as the short-lived Indian twilight dies into darkness, the voices one by one are hushed, and as the stars come out the children disappear. But not to sleep: it is too hot, for the sun which has beaten so fiercely all day on the mud walls, and floors, and roofs, has left a legacy of warmth behind it, and not till midnight will the cool breeze spring up, bringing with it refreshment and repose. How then are the long dark hours to be passed? In all the village not a lamp or candle is to be found; the only light—and that too used but sparingly and of necessity—being the dim smoky flame of an oil-fed wick. Yet, in spite of this, the hours, though dark, are not dreary, for this, in an Indian village, is story-telling time; not only from choice, but from obedience to the well-known precept which forbids such idle amusement between sunrise and sunset. Ask little Kaniyâ, yonder, why it is that he, the best story-teller in the village, never opens his lips till after sunset, and he will grin from ear to ear, and with a flash of dark eyes and white teeth, answer that travellers lose their way when idle boys and girls tell tales by daylight. And Naraini, the herd-girl, will hang her head and cover her dusky face with her rag of a veil, if you put the question to her; or little Râm Jas shake his bald shaven poll in denial; but not one of the dark-skinned, bare-limbed village children will yield to your request for a story.

No, no!—from sunrise to sunset, when even the little ones must labour, not a word; but from sunset to sunrise, when no man can work, the tongues chatter glibly enough, for that is story-telling time. Then, after the scanty meal is over, the bairns drag their wooden-legged, string-woven bedsteads into the open, and settle themselves down like young birds in a nest, three or four to a bed, while others coil up on mats upon the ground, and some, stealing in for an hour from distant alleys, beg a place here or there.

 [Download Tales of the Punjab ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Tales of the Punjab ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online Tales of the Punjab Flora Annie Webster Steel

---

### From reader reviews:

#### **Matthew Brown:**

The book Tales of the Punjab make you feel enjoy for your spare time. You need to use to make your capable a lot more increase. Book can being your best friend when you getting stress or having big problem together with your subject. If you can make looking at a book Tales of the Punjab for being your habit, you can get a lot more advantages, like add your capable, increase your knowledge about a number of or all subjects. You may know everything if you like wide open and read a reserve Tales of the Punjab. Kinds of book are several. It means that, science reserve or encyclopedia or others. So , how do you think about this book?

#### **Michael Garcia:**

The knowledge that you get from Tales of the Punjab could be the more deep you digging the information that hide within the words the more you get enthusiastic about reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to be aware of but Tales of the Punjab giving you buzz feeling of reading. The writer conveys their point in certain way that can be understood simply by anyone who read the item because the author of this reserve is well-known enough. That book also makes your current vocabulary increase well. It is therefore easy to understand then can go along, both in printed or e-book style are available. We advise you for having this particular Tales of the Punjab instantly.

#### **Mary Bunch:**

Information is provisions for folks to get better life, information presently can get by anyone at everywhere. The information can be a know-how or any news even a problem. What people must be consider while those information which is within the former life are difficult to be find than now could be taking seriously which one is appropriate to believe or which one the actual resource are convinced. If you have the unstable resource then you have it as your main information you will have huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen inside you if you take Tales of the Punjab as your daily resource information.

#### **Ingrid Baumbach:**

Hey guys, do you desires to finds a new book to learn? May be the book with the headline Tales of the Punjab suitable to you? The actual book was written by well known writer in this era. The book untitled Tales of the Punjab is the one of several books that everyone read now. This kind of book was inspired lots of people in the world. When you read this publication you will enter the new way of measuring that you ever know before. The author explained their plan in the simple way, and so all of people can easily to recognise the core of this reserve. This book will give you a large amount of information about this world now. So that you can see the represented of the world within this book.

**Download and Read Online Tales of the Punjab Flora Annie  
Webster Steel #HNET94MIVRU**

## **Read Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel for online ebook**

Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel books to read online.

### **Online Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel ebook PDF download**

**Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel Doc**

**Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel Mobipocket**

**Tales of the Punjab by Flora Annie Webster Steel EPub**