Animal Tales 2

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Remark:
"Once again, these engaging stories tend toward pourquoi stories and tend to have jackal outwitting wolf regularly. For me the last story is particularly clever. Wolf wants to get even with jackal and draws honey badger into his plot. They will lure jackal into what he thinks is a stash of honey but is really the tigress' lair where she cares for her four young cubs. Then they will close off that cave with a rock. They execute the plan perfectly. Jackal is trapped inside the cave. But the tigress is not there. When she returns, jackal cleverly says that he saved her cubs from the wolf, who is probably somewhere close by. He will pass one cub at a time to her for feeding, and she can pass the cub back. So they do and she rests and then goes off to search for the wolf. In the meantime jackal eats one of the cubs. Repeat the process four times. Then jackal asks the tigress to remove the stone so that they can corner wolf, whom he knows is in the area. She does and soon finds that he is not flushing the wolf out but rather that he has left. Then she finds that she has lost her cubs! See "Animal Tales 1" and "Animal Tales 3" for further comments on the series. As I mention there, the art is as creative as the stories. I like these books!"

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