

**Tails or Heads:
Stories from Other Centuries**

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Quarto Five

This set of tales celebrates the elements of nature the ancient Greeks considered the sources of life, by personalizing the struggles of protagonists from the far past to the distant future. They are an homage to the oft used Tales of Action and Adventure read for decades by millions of high school freshmen.

Earth

Tails

Allow yourself to be swept away in the Mayan mysteries that may have the power to save and avenge Herman Indigo when a ruthless Los Angeles gang war declares his tagged home to be the borderline of turf mutually coveted by the Conquistadors and El Mex.

Fire

Heads

Wipe the rain from your face and discover if together you and a young Norse boy can summon the courage needed to climb the storm-tossed, monster-filled mountain trail in time to light a signal fire to guide his father and brother home from the tempestuous sea.

Air

Tails

Arise through the blue ocean depths as you ascend from your free dive with a young Polynesian pearl fisher to discover your fiancée has been brutally murdered by the exiled medieval Chinese pirate Lu Chin, who for years has terrorized the high seas and the islands of the South Pacific.

Water

Heads

Alongside quadruped commander Mrdrk step aboard humanity's last legacy galactic lighthouse, now pointing the way to a globally warmed earth for this advance wave of near-extinct space travelers searching for a planet home to replace their desert world.