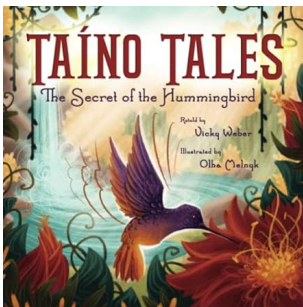


## Taíno Tales

### The Secret of the Hummingbird

by Vicky Weber



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## Book Review

### Reviewed by Mamta Madhavan for Readers' Favorite

The Taino people lived in a beautiful land filled with rolling hills and bright flowers and Alida was the daughter of the chief of the Taino tribe. Far beyond the trees, there was a pool at the base of a waterfall and that was Alida's hidden paradise. A war was going on between the Carib and Taino tribes and there was a lot of tension in the land. She often escaped to that pool as she felt safe and hidden there. One day while resting near the pool, she came across a boy who was picking fruit from the trees. She wondered if he was a friend or a foe. He introduced himself as Taroo and offered her a fruit. They talked for hours and Alida found out he was from the enemy tribe. She decided to keep their friendship a secret because she knew her father would not approve of their friendship. They started meeting every day and slowly their friendship turned into love but they were both too shy to admit it.

Taino Tales: The Secret of the Hummingbird by Vicky Weber is a beautiful story that tells young readers about how the hummingbird came to be in Taino legend. Olha Melnyk's colorful and vivid images breathe life into the characters and the story and give it a good pace and movement. The story is both educational and informative and teaches readers about the culture of the Taino tribe, the indigenous people that lived in the Caribbean. Taino Tales is a wonderful story for parents and tutors to read out to children to teach them about the Taino tribe in an entertaining way. The Taino Tidbits section at the end of the book is interesting and gives readers interesting facts about the Taino tribe.