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Korean Children's Favorite Stories



Synopsis

This colorfully illustrated multicultural Korean children's book presents Indian fairy tales and other folk stories—providing insight into a rich literary culture. Korean Children's Favorite Stories is a captivating collection of Korean folktales for children which are still being told, just as they have been for generations. Some are Korean-specific, while others echo those told in other countries. Written with wit and pathos, they unveil the inevitable foibles of people everywhere and expose the human-like qualities of animals and the animal-like qualities of humans. Pulsating with the rhythm of life and the seasons, these Korean fables transport the reader to a wonderland where ants talk, a baby rabbit outwits a tiger, a tree fathers a child, and a toad saves a whole village. Korean stories include: The Story Bag The Pheasant, the Dove, and the Magpie The Bridegroom's Shopping The Bad Tiger The Great Flood The Pumpkin Seeds The Grateful Tiger The Three Princesses And more! The Children's Favorite Stories series was created to share the folktales and legends most beloved by children in the East with young readers of all backgrounds in the West. Other multicultural children's books in this series include: Asian Children's Favorite Stories, Indian Children's Favorite Stories, Indonesian Children's Favorite Stories, Japanese Children's Favorite Stories, Singapore Children's Favorite Stories, Filipino Favorite Children's Stories, Favorite Children's Stories from China & Tibet, Chinese Children's Favorite Stories, Balinese Children's Favorite Stories, and Vietnamese Children's Favorite Stories.

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Age Range: 5 - 14 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 8

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 5
These 13 tales first appeared in Story Bag: A Collection of Korean Folk Tales (Tuttle, 1955; o.p.) and have been newly illustrated. Though no source notes are included, an introduction by the author speaks to the authenticity of the selections. The collection includes elements shared by many cultures, such as a flood story, and others with a unique sensibility. A variety of animals appear, including tigers, both good and bad, and snakes, depicted as dragons. The delicate watercolor illustrations make the stories accessible to children, and the square format and the calligraphic quality of the titles contribute to the overall sense of design. Appropriately, the opening tale speaks to the importance of sharing stories, and this collection succeeds in making these little-known offerings accessible to a new audience.

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Gr. 3-6, younger for reading aloud. This collection of 13 Korean folktales was originally published in 1955 as The Story Bag. Kyoung-Sim's new watercolor illustrations, filled with animals, demons, and resourceful folk, make this edition much more attractive, and the short, straightforward retellings are well suited for independent reading as well as for reading aloud. The handsome anthology will enrich multicultural studies and expand folklore collections. Linda PerkinsCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I would buy this book again, in fact, I am sending one copy to my sister. For those who are interested or care about Korean culture, this book is fantastic for your kids. Well written with illustrations kids can appreciate.

Don't read them to your kids if they are easily scared or susceptible to nightmares.

Good read for those who would like to learn about Korean stories and the nuances of their culture. Some have parallels with stories some famous stories like the lion and the mouse, etc....

It is rare to find good Korean fairy tale stories in English. Familiar with many Korean folklores and

legends, I found the translation to be accurate and the illustrations very beautiful. With a history of 5,000 years, Korea is one of the oldest civilizations in the world, and this collection of fairy tales is a great way to show Korea's rich folklores and legends to the outside world. I highly recommend this book.

Not what I expected

My grandchildren are half Korean and I want them to have a connection with there heritage. They enjoy the stories so much they bring it with them when they visit for bedtime. They have a new brother who they read to him also.

This is a great chance to share bedtime stories in English (helping me) but about my granddaughter's heritage and her mother's family - what fun we will have!

We are moving to Korea and bought this book to learn more about the customs there. What a great book! Nice artwork and lots of interesting stories.

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