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Chinese Children's Favorite Stories



Synopsis

Chinese Children's Favorite Stories is a delightful selection of thirteen Chinese folktales as told by author-illustrator Mingmei Yip. Inspired by her father's nightly story-telling adventures when she was a child, Yip hopes that by "retelling some of these thousand-year-old Chinese stories," she can pass along Chinese folklore and fables to many readers. Children will also enjoy Mingmei Yip's other collection of Chinese Children's Stories: Grandma Panda's China Storybook. Retold for an international audience, the beautifully illustrated stories will give children aged five to ten in other countries a glimpse into both the tradition and culture of China. 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. In Chinese Children's Favorite Stories, discover the many delightful characters--from a monkey and fairy, to ghosts and frogs--in stories such as: The Mouse Bride, Dream of the Butterfly, The Ghost Catcher, The Frog Who Lived in a Well, How the Fox Tricked the Tiger, The Monkey King Turns the Heavenly Palace Upside Down

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Age Range: 5 - 14 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 8

Customer Reviews

Mingmei Yip is an excellent writer--very engaging. And her illustrations are very colorful and eye-catching as well. I was looking for books to introduce Chinese culture to my young nieces,

nephews, and cousins, and I can definitely recommend this one. I couldn't put it down myself, late one night! I had checked out a slew of books from the library, but only some met my criteria of excellent writing and good pictures. Some had one or the other: this one had BOTH. I don't give anything I wouldn't want myself...I sure wish I had this when I was growing up! Adults can enjoy this, too.

These beautifully told and illustrated stories brought me back to my bedside at my childhood. My parents had told me similar tales of bravery, honors and resilience. Not only those lessons has guided me through life, I taught my child the same values. Children and adults will enjoy this book.

As another reviewer mentioned the length of these stories is perfect for a bedtime story. The choice of stories are all classic Chinese stories which are ingrained in Chinese culture. The illustrations are all very striking and the short explanations of how these stories are remembered today was very educational for a Westerner living in Taiwan like myself.

A collection of thirteen stories that I grew up with(Taiwan) and love to pass down to my children, this colorful volume, with authentic Chinese-style drawings, brings back to life legends and tales that feature wise scholars, talking animals, emperors and goddesses. These thousand-year old stories are written to educate young minds to do good deeds and cultivate moral wisdom. Straightforward plots reinforce the lessons learnt from famous stories like "The Frog who Lived in the Well", "Dream of the Butterfly (kid's version of Chuang Tzu's philosophical tale)", "Carp Jumping Over the Dragon Gate", "Chang-E Flies to the Moon" and "The Monkey King". Every region may have slightly varied versions, but this favorite book has done an amazing job and we look forward to reading more.

We have been reading a different story from the book each night. They are a good length for bedtime. My daughter is adopted from China and is usually not that receptive to reading books with Chinese subject matter, but she loves this book. All of the stories are new to us, too. The pictures are colorful and nicely detailed.

I buy a lot of books for my daughter about many different cultures and this is one of our favourites. Well written and entertaining for adults and children.

My kids really like this book and pick it out a lot as bedtime reading. A couple of the stories, like a

ghost story, I don't read as a bedtime story. The illustrations are quite colorful and lovely. It's been good, in my mind, for expanding my children's (4 and 6 y/o) exposure to different cultures.

My daughter, whom we adopted from China, loves this book. It is one of her favorites at bedtime. She loves hearing the classic Chinese fables. The artwork is very nice as well.

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