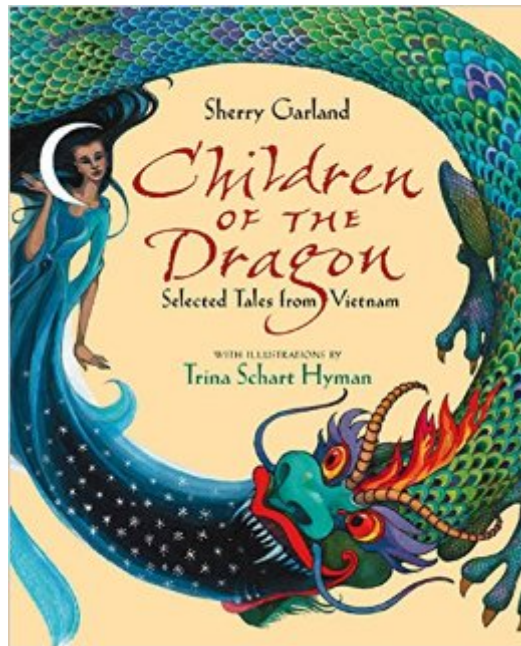


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# Children Of The Dragon: Selected Tales From Vietnam



## Synopsis

Legend has it that more than four thousand years ago a mighty dragon prince named Lac Long Quan married a fairy princess named Au Co. From these parents the Vietnamese people were born. With power, humor, and grace, Sherry Garland shares six of her favorite folktales of Vietnam. Passed down through the ages, these colorful stories depict the rich history, tribal customs, explanations of natural phenomena, and values so important to the Vietnamese people. Award-winning illustrator Trina Schart Hyman brings these magically entertaining and vividly detailed stories to life in an introduction to the folktales of Vietnam that is nothing less than masterful.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

As the introduction tells us: "To most Americans, the word Vietnam brings to mind one thing - a war fought in muddy rice fields and steamy jungles, as we've seen it depicted in movies and popular television programs. Very few of us know much about the history, culture, or folklore of this ancient country." Fortunately, Sherry Garland's new book, *Children Of The Dragon*, will begin to change our perception. This superb collection of six folktales is engaging, rich in history, culture, and tradition, and includes author's notes at the end of each story to broaden understanding, and enrich its

meaning. From The Legend Of The Monsoon Rains, Chu Cuoi-The Man In The Moon, and The Raven And The Star Fruit, to How The Tiger Got Its Stripes, The Boatman's Flute, and The Bowmen And The Sisters, each folktale is entertaining, satisfying, and runs the whole gamut of emotions, from silly and amusing to poignant and tragic. Award winning illustrator, Trina Schart Hyman brings each tale to life with her marvelously vibrant and vivid artwork. Perfect for youngsters 10 and older, Children Of The Dragon is a feast for both the eyes and ears, and is an intriguing and unique collection that transports the reader to another place and time.

I am really in the beginning stages of learning about the culture of Vietnam. My husband and I are in the process of adopting our second child, from Vietnam, (we have a 2 yo adopted from China already) and I am trying to get my hands on books on Vietnamese culture. I think this was a terrific book to buy as an intro to this rich culture, the traditional stories and how the traditions that stem from them remain an active part of modern Vietnamese culture. If you are trying to learn more about Vietnamese culture, I think this is a terrific book to start with.

excellent book for vietnamese american children to understand and appreciate the culture that they came from. this book will become a gift to all the children i know and love

Sherry Garland has researched and retold some of her favorite folktales from Vietnam. The stories include heroes, kings, battles, and , and tribal customs. Some stories tell about the origins of plants and animals. One story was "How the Tiger Got Its Stripes". This is a clever story which I believe young children will enjoy. The author included interesting information about tigers in Vietnam and history about the water buffalo at the end of the folktale.

Children of the Dragon contains 3 Vietnamese folktales. 'How the Tiger Got its Stripes,' 'The Man in the Moon,' and 'The Legend of the Monsoon Rains.' This is a well written book, that not only re-tells these Vietnamese folktales, but also includes wonderful facts related to each story. The illustrations in the book are colorful and beautifully drawn.

For a hardcover book of folk tales, it would have been better to receive more than three stories. (Yes, read the description carefully, it's only three stories!) The artwork is fine as is the re-telling of the tales, but there it seems very much geared to an anglo audience and is pretty "whitewashed." Not a good value considering what one receives.

These folktales are wonderful to read out loud, and the beautiful illustrations by Trina Schart Hyman really make the book interesting for children. Long tales that are interesting and different to western listeners. Great book.

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