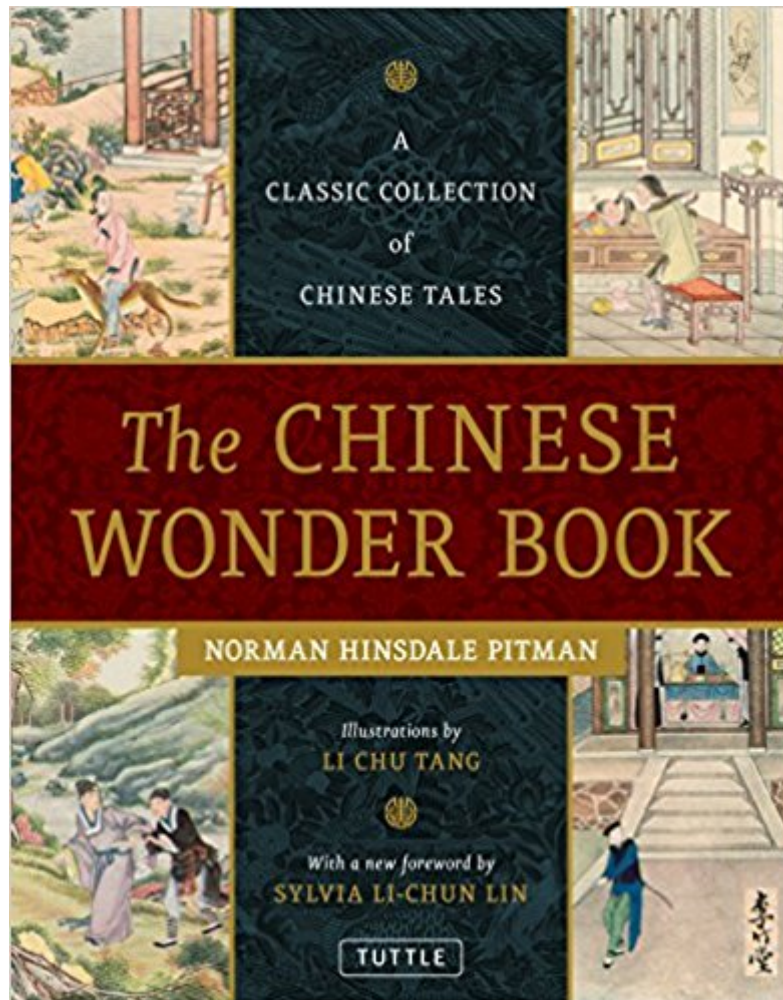


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The Chinese Wonder Book: A Classic Collection Of Chinese Tales



Synopsis

The Chinese Wonder Book contains some of the most beloved Chinese folktales. These stories include: The Golden Beetle or Why the Dog Hates the Cat, The Great Bell, The Strange Tale of Doctor Dog, The Talking Fish, and many other classics. Originally published in 1919, this book has thrilled and amused children and adults for generations, and served as an accessible introduction to Chinese folklore for countless readers. Included with these fifteen magical Chinese fairy tales are Li Chu Tang's glorious, full-color illustrations original to the book's first edition, making this book a historical treasure. A new foreword by Sylvia Lin pays homage to the magic of Chinese folktales and adds its own enchantment to this classic children's book. This endearing collection of Chinese fables is sure to bring as much joy to today's children as it did to their grandparents.

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 6

Customer Reviews

Norman Hinsdale Pitman (1876-1925) taught at Chihli Province College in China from 1909-1912 before becoming a professor of English at Peking Teachers College. He was the author of several novels and short story collections, including *The Lady Elect*, *A Chinese Christmas Tree*, *Chinese Playmates*, and *Chinese Fairy Tales*.

For a "Wonder Book" this volume was very bland. There were one or two stories that I somewhat

enjoyed, while the rest I just sort of endured because they weren't bad enough to stop reading. Themes include filial piety, being nice to beggars, Filial Piety, and...realistic-feeling dreams. Oh, also FILIAL PIETY. Because of subtle Euro-centrism and racism, and less-subtle concepts like multiple wives and selling children, this book is most suited to teens or older. Although it's so terribly dull I don't know why they'd read it. There are no illustrations. Contains the following stories: The Golden Beetle or Why the Dog Hates the Cat, The Great Bell, The Strange Tale of Doctor Dog, How Footbinding Started, The Talking Fish, Bamboo and the Turtle, The Mad Goose and the Tiger Forest, The Nodding Tiger, The Princess Kwan-Yin, The Two Jugglers, The Phantom Vessel, The Wooden Tablet, The Golden Nugget, The Man Who Would Not Scold, Lu-San, Daughter of Heaven

I'm so glad this book was made into an ebook via the Gutenberg Project. These classic tales are definitely tales of wonder about classical Chinese traditions and proverbs that will entertain you and your children. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to expose their children or themselves to storytelling via Chinese culture. Plus it's free, can't beat that!

My 6 year old son loved hearing these stories. I am entirely ok with him hearing them. But the cautious parent should be aware that this book does discuss: Other gods, murder and death, and the beginning of foot binding. That last one was real fun to explain. Overall we enjoyed the book and there weren't any major technical errors.

A great story book. Interesting

did not read it

This is just my opinion but I really didn't like the book and uninstalled it. But everyone is different and has different reading choices

A Chinese Wonder Book Norman Hinsdale Pitman I have always been fascinated with Asian folk tales. This is an excellent example of the genre. The book contains a good mixture of happy, sad, love, hate, fun, mystery and delightful stories. If you like the type you will love this book

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