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Synopsis

This collection of tales opens up a magical world far from our customary haunts. Ghost stories, romances, fables, and heroic sagas: the forms are familiar, but the characters we meet surprise us at every turn. For those who know and love the tales of the Grimms and Andersen, the universal themes of fairy tale literature emerge in these classic stories, but with a sophistication that is uniquely Chinese and altogether entrancing. With black-and-white drawings throughout. Part of the Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library

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“These tales from China are richly underscored by an ancient philosophical battle—the Taoist challenge to the hierarchical rigidity of the Confucian order—which gives the stories an edge and power uniquely their own. An enthralling collection.” —Los Angeles Times “Brimming with magic and mortals, these enchanting legends and myths bring to mind familiar fables, yet possess an aura that is wholly Chinese . . . Enlightening and enjoyable reading.” —Booklist

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It is a book of folktales. Most Americans have a background in English and translated Grimm's Fairy tales. Folk stories from other countries gives different viewpoints and a deeper understanding of the society's roots.

I chose this book to teach with a high school class devoted to studying China. The stories reflect both Confucian and Taoist philosophies. They open the door to great discussion. One student wants to buy his copy from the school when we finish.

I actually thought this book was pretty good. Though, the illustrations are very simple. The stories are short and simple, but they are fun to read. I liked it.

The tales and fables contained within this book are absolutely wonderful. The message in most all of these stand the test of time and are as relevant today as they were when written. I read from this book almost nightly to my daughters for their bedtime story and they enjoy them also.

Stories range from .5 to a couple pages in length. Includes insightful poetry and witty stories about love, Philosophy, animals, ghosts, and more. Arrived in a timely manner. Aced a paper with it.

I bought it for a Chinese friend and did not read it. I was very glad to find it.

I love fairy tales! And with I found fairy tales from all over the world all in one place. This book gives you a good look at Chinese culture through their fairy and folk tales. I recommend to anyone who likes fairy tales or wants an interesting look at Chinese culture.

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