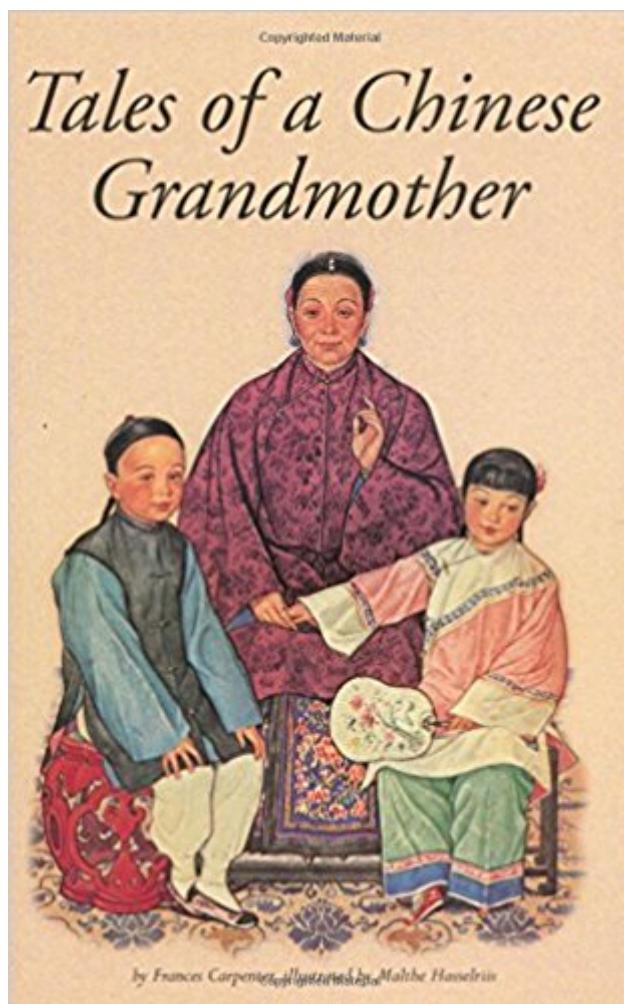


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Synopsis

This illustrated multicultural children's book presents classic Chinese fairy tales and other folk stories—providing a delightful look into a rich literary culture. Chinese folklore tradition is as colorful and captivating as any in the world, but the stories themselves still are not as well-known to Western readers as those from The Brothers Grimm, Mother Goose, or Hans Christian Andersen. Tales of a Chinese Grandmother, written by Frances Carpenter, presents a collection of 30 authentic Chinese folktales. These classic stories represent the best of the Chinese folk tradition and are told here by the character Lao Lao, the beloved grandmother of the nineteenth-century Ling household. A sampling from a long and proud tradition, these Chinese folktales are sure to delight adults as well as children of all ages. Chinese children's stories include: How Pan Ku Made the World, The God that Lived in the Kitchen, The Daughter of the Dragon King, The Grateful Fox Fairy, The King of the Monkeys, The Wonderful Pear Tree, Ko-Ai's Lost Shoe, Heng O, the Moon Lady, and The Old One's Birthday.

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Customer Reviews

For many years Frances Carpenter traveled and worked with her father, Frank Carpenter, a journalist and author of the famous Carpenter's Geographical Readers.

I picked up this book in hopes of learning Chinese myths that were familiar from childhood and more ancient ones that my grandparents and parents did not share with me. I have to agree with other

readers that the speech pattern can be difficult to follow at times, even as a bilingual person. I tried reading out loud in order to find the rhythm and calibrate the grammar but I found myself running out of steam. I think this is a book best read in chapters over tea and cakes by yourself. It is not a Mother Goose collection that can be easily shared with a child on your lap. However, it is an okay source to learn the stories so that the reader can retell to someone else in their own voice.

This is a good collection of traditional stories with a nice framing story about a Chinese family. This book includes all sorts of classic elements of Chinese folklore like the eight immortals and the Monkey King. It even has stories that highlight some of China's older traditions. A good read for those who like Chinese folk stories.

Excellent book. I got it as a thank you gift for a friend's children who are adopted from China. Worked out wonderfully.

Loved this book when I was a child but it didn't hold up well over the years.

Purchased for grandchildren.

I like reading fairy tales from different parts of the world. The stories in this book are interesting for children and adults.

Great!

Very good stories and a wonderful look into the old way in China.

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