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Kintaro's Adventures & Other Japanese Children's Stories



Synopsis

This delightfully illustrated multicultural children's book presents Japanese fairy tales and other folk storiesâproviding insight into a rich literary culture. Welcome to a fantastic world populated by singing turtles, boys who wrestle wolves, and a host of other beloved characters who have lived on for centuries in the traditional tales of Japan. Drawn from Japanese folklore passed down from generation to generation, the six enchanting stories collected in this volume have been lovingly retold for today's readers. Vibrantly illustrated and full of thrilling adventures, funny discoveries, and important lessons, they're sure to become story time favorites. Included are some of Japan's best-loved stories: The Rolling Rice Cakes, How to Fool a Cat, The Princess and the Herdboy, Saburo the Eel Catcher, Kintaro's Adventures, The Singing Turtle.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

This book is a great collection of classical folk stories from Japan for children. I use it in my classroom - teaching Japanese to ages 5 through to 12. The wording is easy to understand and the coloured illustrations are great. There are many versions of these stories around but this collection makes them very accessible to the youngest children. From a set of 4 books - have them all - they are all great teaching resources.

This is one of my favorite books from childhood and my children in turn have enjoyed it. It includes the famous "Kintaro's Adventures" as well as "The Princess and the Herdboy" from which the Star festival (Tanabata) of Japan originates. The other four stories are just plain fun. Along with the other Tuttle Company books of Japanese children's stories, this would be a great addition to upper elementary classrooms.

Max (age 6) says: I recommend this book. The turtle story was my favorite because, in the end, the townspeople beat the lazy brother who beat the singing turtle. I would give the Kintaro story two and a half stars.

Great gift.

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