

Ancient Tales And Folklore Of China

From Africa, Burma, and Czechoslovakia to Turkey, Vietnam, and Wales here are more than 150 of the world's best-loved folktales from more than forty countries and cultures. These tales of wonder and transformation, of heroes and heroines, of love lost and won, of ogres and trolls, stories both jocular and cautionary and legends of pure enchantment will delight readers and storytellers of all ages. With black-and-white drawings throughout Part of the Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library

A new translation of an important text for Greek mythology used as a source book by classicists from antiquity to Robert Graves, *The Library of Greek Mythology* is a complete summary of early Greek myth, telling the story of each of the great families of heroic mythology, and the various adventures associated with the main heroes and heroines, from Jason and Perseus to Heracles and Helen of Troy. Using the ancient system of detailed histories of the great families, it contains invaluable genealogical diagrams for maximum clarity.

In this fascinating and comprehensive collection of Chinese myths and legends, E. T. C. Werner drew upon material readily available to him as a member of the Chinese government's' Historiographical Bureau in Peking. A former barrister and British consul in Foochow, Werner presents a wealth of information illuminating the ideas and beliefs that governed the daily lives of the Chinese people long before the revolutions of the 20th century. Offering a provocative glimpse into a world dominated by traditional rules of etiquette and inhabited by demons, dragon-gods, and spirits, the volume opens with an introductory chapter on the origins of the Chinese people. In succeeding chapters, Mr. Werner's readable, well-illustrated text considers the gods of China and myths of stars, thunder, lightning, wind and rain; of water and fire; of epidemics, medicine, and exorcism; as well as tales about the goddess of mercy, the guardian of the gate of heaven, accounts of how the Monkey became a god, and much more. In addition, 32 striking illustrations depict such traditional deities as the Spirit That Clears the Way, civilian and military Door Gods, the Kitchen-God, Dragon-Gods, the Gods of Happiness, Office, and Longevity, and others. Engrossing and informative, *Myths and Legends of China* will appeal not only to lovers of folklore but to anyone interested in Chinese art, culture, or philosophy.

Fabulous stories about horses collected and edited from myths, legends, folktales, and other sources. According to some of our most ancient tales, horses go beyond being beautiful, brave, strong, fast, and loyal. They also talk, they fly, they fight to protect their riders. These horses often have opinions of their own, and they're usually wiser than their human companions. They're magic! The works in this collection came from a variety of sources, all noted. The texts have been edited to replace obsolete words, simplify sentences, and clarify meaning without losing the voices of the original

storytellers. Sixteen complete stories, charming illustrations, and four spreads on unicorns and other related creatures. The editor of this collection authored *The Secret World of Unicorns*. She has contributed to several volumes of retold myths and legends and two reference books on mythology.

ASIA is rich in folklore, legends, and fairy tales. In your hands lies a collection of tales whose epicentre lies somewhere in ancient Persia. The 25 tales in *Oriental Folklore and Legend* originate from countries along the fabled Silk Route [Arabia, Persia, India, and Kalmykia] and, as one would expect, they are infused with elements of Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, and Zoroastrian culture. All were acquired from Asian storytellers. Because of this rich cultural mix, the tales abound with magicians, viziers, cobblers who become astrologers, adventures and quests by the score, and common men who best both Shahs and Kings showing that brains always win over brawn. So curl up with this snippet of ancient Central Asian folklore and absorb yourself in Sinbad and Aladdin-like folk tales from yesteryear. The Kalmyk tales are of especial interest, both because of their contents and their oblique history. The extended Scheherazade-like *Relations of Ssidi Kur* is a marchen-cycle from the people of Buddhist Kalmykia. The Kalmykians migrated from southern Siberia to the northwest shore of the Caspian Sea in the 1600's. Even so, they maintained strong historical connections to Tibet and Mongolia, mainly because Buddhism remains their national religion. During their "deportation" by the Russians [1943 - 1957], Kalmyk folk stories and tales kept alive the people's hope of nation-hood and eventual repatriation. *Oriental Folklore and Legend* was originally published in a series of *Folklore and Legends* volumes by W.W. Gibbings between 1891 and 1905. The author/editor was unnamed, but the initials C.J.T. given after the preface are apparently those of one Charles John Tibbitts. A percentage of the sales will be donated to educational scholarships for the underprivileged in Kalmykia.

The Fox is the star of more fairy tales and fables than any other animal! Find out why by reading this book. From California to Norway, Africa to Ancient Greece these stories have travelled with the people who loved them best. You can learn to be witty, clever, and outsmart your foe with the help of these fox tales. Maybe you too can learn to sing your own fox songs! The author, Brian "Fox" Ellis once had a pet fox! He has studied the science and folklore of foxes and shares his love of these cunning creatures with all who will listen. He infuses the folktales with solid science and writes science with a fairy tale spin. He has performed *Fox Tales* around the world and because his name is Fox, folks have given small fox carvings of virtually every style imaginable. This book is the fourth in a series called *Fox Tales Folklore* that blends history and ecology, poetry and personal narrative to explore themes like *A River of Stories*, *Prairie Tales*, *Bird Tales* and *Fish Tales*. All of the books will soon be available here on Amazon as a paperback or ebook, but you can also visit www.foxtalesint.com to download an audio book or you could even watch a live performance of these stories on his

YouTube channel Fox Tales International.

The islands of Britain and Ireland hold a rich heritage of plant folklore and wisdom, from the magical yew tree to the bad-tempered dandelion. Here are traditional tales about the trees and plants that shape our landscapes and our lives through the seasons. They explore the complex relationship between people and plants, in lowlands and uplands, fields, bogs, moors, woodlands and towns. Suitable for all ages, this is an essential collection of stories for anyone interested in botany, the environment and our living heritage.

Excerpt from Ancient Tales and Folklore of Japan To my faithful interpreter Yuki E gawa also are due my thanks for continual efforts to find what I wanted; and to many Japanese peasants and fishermen, whose good nature, kindness, and hospitality have endeared them to me for ever. Well is it that they, so worthy a people, have so worthy a Sovereign. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

The first anthology to present the entire range of ancient Greek and Roman stories—from myths and fairy tales to jokes Captured centaurs and satyrs, incompetent seers, people who suddenly change sex, a woman who remembers too much, a man who cannot laugh—these are just some of the colorful characters who feature in the unforgettable stories that ancient Greeks and Romans told in their daily lives. Together they created an incredibly rich body of popular oral stories that include, but range well beyond, mythology—from heroic legends, fairy tales, and fables to ghost stories, urban legends, and jokes. This unique anthology presents the largest collection of these tales ever assembled. Featuring nearly four hundred stories in authoritative and highly readable translations, this is the first book to offer a representative selection of the entire range of traditional classical storytelling. Complete with beautiful illustrations, this one-of-a-kind anthology will delight general readers as well as students of classics, fairy tales, and folklore.

Trolls haunt the snowy forests, and terrifying monsters roam the open sea. A young woman journeys to the end of the world, and a boy proves he knows no fear. This collection of 16 traditional tales transports readers to the enchanting world of Nordic folklore. Translated and transcribed by folklorists in the 19th century, and presented here unabridged, the stories are by turns magical, hilarious, cozy, and chilling. They offer a fascinating view into Nordic culture and a comforting wintertime read. Ulla Thynell's glowing contemporary illustrations accompany each tale, conjuring dragons,

princesses, and the northern lights. This special gift edition features an embossed, textured case and a ribbon marker. English translation of sixty-three tales from the Grimm's Kinder- und Hausmärchen, including the classic Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, Little Red Riding Hood, Tom Thumb, and Rumpelstiltskin.

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This unique collection of ancient folk tales from the mystical land of Tibet will not only delight young and old alike with its many pearls of wisdom but will also leave the reader with insight into Tibetan daily life. Take in the charm of these ancient tales as told by a comical and unusual Siddhi-kur. Each tale is accompanied by an illustration that captures the essence and moral of the story, and each imparts a picturesque vision of Tibetan life.

The definitive collection of traditional British folk tales, selected and retold by the renowned Alan Garner.

"My aim, after summarizing the sociology of the Chinese as a prerequisite to the understanding of their ideas and sentiments, and dealing as fully as possible, consistently with limitations of space (limitations which have necessitated the presentation of a very large and intricate topic in a highly compressed form), with the philosophy of the subject, has been to set forth in English dress those myths which may be regarded as the accredited representatives of Chinese mythology - those which live in the minds of the people and are referred to most frequently in their literature, not those which are merely diverting without being typical or instructive - in short, a true, not a distorted image."-- Preface.

Over one hundred stories showcasing the wisdom and artistry of one the world's richest folktale traditions—the first panoramic anthology of Hispano-American folk narratives in any language. Gathered from twenty countries and combining the lore of medieval Europe, the ancient Near East, and pre-Columbian America, the stories brought together here represent a core collection of classic Latin American folktales.

Among the essential characters are the quiet man's wife who knew the Devil's secrets, the three daughters who robbed their father's grave, and the wife in disguise who married her own husband—not to mention the Bear's son, the tricksters Fox and Monkey, the two compadres, and the classic rogue Pedro de Urdemalas. Featuring black-and-white illustrations throughout, this Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library edition is unprecedented in size and scope, including riddles, folk prayers, and fables never before translated into English.

It's an absorbing introduction to the lore of Albion, but readers will also enjoy teasing out similarities between these tales and more familiar ones." — Publishers Weekly Perilous quests, true love, and animals that talk: The traditional stories of Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, and Wales transport us to the fantastical world of Celtic folklore. • This Celtic mythology book features 16 stores that were translated and transcribed by folklorists in the late 19th and 20th centuries that focus on themes such as Tricksters, The Sea, Quests, and Romance and mythological creatures. • These timeless tales brim with wit and magic, and each one is brought to life with elegant silhouette art in this special illustrated edition • Celtic Tales is an extraordinary collection that conjures forgotten realms and rare magical creatures in vivid prose Discover the impactful and stunning illustrations by Kate Forrester in this special edition that is sure to impress any true fan of cultural and mythological literature. Discover delightfully entertaining tales such as Master and Man, The Soul Cages, The Red-Etin, and The Witch of Lok Island. Celtic Tales makes an impressive gift for any fan of greek mythology, roman mythology, Chinese mythology, and folklore and cultural studies from around the globe.

Asbjornsen and Moe were inspired by the German folklore collectors, the Brothers Grimm, and followed their approach to preserving these

ancient tales. Asbjornsen and Moe collected and published numerous volumes of folk tales in Norwegian from 1841 to 1859 and their work became a source of great pride for the recently independent Norway. The tales were first translated into English in 1859 which helped to make Norwegian folklore popular all over the world. In this entertaining collection, the reader will find ogres, trolls, princesses in need of rescue, magical creatures, thrilling sword fights, and dangerous quests. "Norwegian Folk Tales" also provides a fascinating window into Norwegian culture, history, and religion as the deities and mythical creatures of their ancient history appear in many of the tales. This important and influential collection of folk tales will entertain and educate children and adults alike. Collected together here are all the tales translated by George Webbe Dasent, which originally appeared in two volumes, in an edition printed on premium acid-free paper. This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1908 edition. Excerpt: ... LVII THE CAMPHOR TREE TOMB Five ri (ten miles) from Shirakawa, in the province of Iwaki, there is a village called Yabuki-mura. Close by is a grove some 400 feet square. The trees used to include a monster camphor nearly 150 feet in height, of untold age, and venerated by villagers and strangers alike as one of the greatest trees in Japan. A shrine was erected to it in the grove, which was known as the Nekoma-myojin forest; and a faithful old man, Hamada Tsushima, lived there, caring for the tree, the shrine, and the whole grove. One day the tree was felled; but, instead of withering or dying, it continued to grow, and it is still flourishing, though lying on the ground. Poor Hamada Tsushima disembowelled himself when the sacred tree had been cut down. Perhaps it is because his spirit entered the sacred tree that the tree will not die. Here is the story: -- On the 17th of January in the third and last year of the Meireki period--that is, 1658--a great fire broke out in the Homyo-ji Temple, in the Maruyama Hongo district of Yedo, now Tokio. The fire spread with such rapidity that not only was that particular district burned, CHOGORO AND HIS MEN FAIL TO MOVE THE KUSUNOKI TREE but also a full eighth of Yedo itself was destroyed. Many of the Daimios' houses and palaces were consumed. The Lord Date Tsunamune of Sendai, one of the three greatest Daimios (who were Satsuma, Kaga, Sendai), had the whole of his seven palaces and houses destroyed by the fire; the other Daimios or feudal lords lost only one or two. Lord Date Tsunamune resolved to build the finest palace that could be designed. It was to be at Shinzenza, in Shiba. He ordered that no time should be lost, and directed one of his high officials, Harada Kai Naonori, to see to the matter....

A collection of stories and fairy tales from various folklore traditions.

Gathers stories about ghosts, kings, clever animals, mischief makers, devils, foolish humans and the origin of things Chinese culture is rich with marvelous folklore, and this exquisitely designed collection draws on that magnificent historical repository. It features more than 200 fables and tales chosen from Strange Stories from a Chinese Studio and other classic compendiums. Here are legends of ancient demons, strange ghosts, magic swords, evil sorcerers, diabolical transformations, flying ogres, fairy foxes, powerful gods, and more. They include: The Painted Wall, The Flower Nymphs, The Boatmen of Lao-lung, The King of the Nine Mountains, The Disowned Princess, and dozens more.

Ancient Tales in Modern Japan makes available for the first time in English a unique collection of Japanese folk tales. More than half of these tales have never before been translated. Fanny Hagin Mayer, a pioneer Western scholar in the field of Japanese folklore, has selected 347 folk tales from the standard Japanese reference work, the Meii. Ninety early collectors from throughout Japan, among them key figures such as Sasaki Kizen and Iwakura Ichiro, furnished tales for this selection. This remarkable anthology presents a vivid picture of centuries of Japanese folk culture. Ancient Tales in Modern Japan is an essential work for students of folklore and Japanese culture.

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Herein you will find 34 folk and fairy tales from the Hawaiian Islands. Of special note is the section on the MENEHUNES, or fairy folk, of Hawaii. Unsurprisingly the islands are often referred to as the Home of the Brownies. You will also find the tales of AI KANAKA; A LEGEND OF MOLOKAI, MAUI SNARING THE SUN, THE LOCATION OF THE LUA O MILU, KALELEALUAKA, LAKA'S ADVENTURE, KEKUPUA'S CANOE, THE BATTLE OF THE OWLS and many, many more. If you have interest in the native Hawaiian people, and indeed the Polynesian race as a whole, then you will do well to include this book in your library. However, if you are seeking märchen, different to the usual European diet of princes on white stallions dashing in to save a beautiful princess, then this volume is bound to keep you captivated for hours as well. This book was created in response to repeated requests from the public. The compiler, Thomas. G. Thrum, therefore presented in book form the series of legends that have were made a feature of "The Hawaiian Annual", originally published as early as 1875 and through to the 1970's. The series has been enriched by the addition of several tales, the famous shark legend having been furnished for this purpose from the papers of the Hawaiian Historical Society. In similar vein Abela Publishing has also published "The Legends of Maui" a book containing the 15 legends of Maui's exploits and adventures, under ISBN: 9781907256950. A second volume of Polynesian folklore is Polynesian Mythology Ancient Traditional History Of The New Zealanders (phew!) has been published under ISBN: 9781907256318 and has a shorter sub-title of Maori Folklore. The book contains 23 Maori myths and legends collected by Sir George Grey and published in 1945. Sir George Grey was twice appointed Governor General of New Zealand firstly from 1845 to 1853, and again from 1861 to 1868. He was later elected Prime Minister. So accurate was Sir George's translations of Maori folklore that he was able to use the precedents in the folklore of this volume to settle disputes amongst the Maori. 33% of the net profit from the sale of this book will be donated to charities. Tags: Hawaiian Folk Tales, Thomas Thrum, Polynesian Folklore, Folklore, Fairy Tales, Myths, Legends, Children's Stories, Traditional Stories, Bedtime Stories, Hawaii, Ai Kanaka; A Legend Of Molokai, Maui Snaring The Sun, The Location Of The Lua O Milu, Kalelealuaka, Laka's Adventure, Kekupua's Canoe, The Battle Of The Owls, Hawaiian Annual, Shark Legend, Maui, Legends Of Maui, Polynesian Mythology, Snaring The Sun, Origin Of Fire, Pele And The Deluge, Pele And Kahawali, Hiku And Kawelu, Kona, Menehunes, Fairy Folk, Home Of The Brownies, Moke Manu, Kahalaopuna, Princess Of Manoa, Kanikaniaula, First Feather Cloak, Tomb Of Puupepe, Legend Of Molokai, Fish God Of Hawaii, Legend Of Ku-Ula, Story Of The Anae-Holo, Myth Of The Hilu, Hou, Snoring Fish

This anthology explores the multitude of evidence for recognisable fairy tales drawn from sources in the much older cultures of the ancient world, appearing much earlier than the 17th century where awareness of most fairy tales tends to begin. It presents versions of Cinderella, The Emperor's New Clothes, Snow White, The Frog Prince and a host of others where the similarities to familiar 'modern' versions far outweigh the differences. Here we find Cinderella as a courtesan, Snow White coming to a tragic end or an innocent heroine murdering her sisters. We find an emperor's new clothes where the flatterers compare him to Alexander the Great, or a pair of adulterers caught in a magic trap. Tantalising fragments suggest that there is more to be discovered: we can point to a Sleeping Beauty where the girl takes on the green colouring of the surrounding wood, or we encounter a Rumpelstiltskin connected to a mystery cult. The overall picture suggests a much richer texture of popular tale as a fascinating new legacy of antiquity. This volume breaks down the traditional barriers between Classical Mythology and the fairy tale, and will be an invaluable resource for anyone working on the history of fairy tales and folklore.

Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

Oriental Story Book. Arabic Folktales The Oriental Story Book -is popular classic work by Wilhelm Hauff is in the English language. If you

enjoy the works of this author, then we highly recommend this publication for your book collection. The book is filled with authenticity, culture and traditions of the Arabic world. The East is rich in folklore, and the collector is not troubled to discover material, but to select only that which is best worth his while to preserve. The conditions under which the people live are most favourable to the preservation of the ancient legends, and the cultivation of the powers of narration fits the Oriental to present his stories in a more polished style than is usual in the Western countries. The reader of these Arabic folktales will observe many points of similarity between them and the popular fictions of the West—similarity of thought and incident—and nothing, perhaps, speaks more eloquently of the universal brotherhood of man than this oneness of folk-fiction. At the same time, Arabic folktales are unique, lighted up as they are by a gorgeous extravagance of imagination which never fails to attract and delight. This collection consists of tales: The caravan The History of Caliph Stork The History of the Spectre Ship Story of the Hewn-off Hand Fatima's deliverance Little Muck The story of the False Prince...

No ordinary collection of tales, this anthology was the result of extensive research that led Shah to conclude that there is a certain basic fund of human fictions which recur again and again throughout the world and never seem to lose their compelling attraction. This special paperback version of *World Tales* concentrates on the essentials, the text of the stories, and omits the illustrations which were part of a previous edition.

Originally published: London: Bodley Head, 1967.

Heather Forest's artful prose and keen curatorial selection brings an array of ancient tales of adventure, quest and heroics to life for modern readers. This multicultural anthology presents pivotal episodes from epic tales such as *Gilgamesh*, *Beowulf*, the *Odyssey*, the *Ramayana*, and more. The collection illuminates large-scale narratives that were passed on and preserved through the oral tradition long before being captured in written form by early scribes. With the publication of *Epic and Ancient Tales*, Heather completes her long-awaited trilogy of *Tales From Around the World* including *Wonder Tales* and *Wisdom Tales*. These epic narratives remain relevant today as they provide insights into the complexity of human relationships and the intimate, personal journey of anyone seeking to understand the meaning of life. This collection of timeless stories includes Norse legends, Greek myths, Japanese folktales, Persian stories, Irish ballads and Chinese lore. Offering a global overview, this anthology of concise retellings also provides endnotes with cultural and historical background to inspire readers further inquiry into these enduring tales."

Here are 125 magnificent folktales collected from anthologies and journals published from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day. Beginning with tales of the ancient times and continuing through the arrival of the saints in Ireland in the fifth century, the periods of war and family, the Literary Revival championed by William Butler Yeats, and the contemporary era, these robust and funny, sorrowful and heroic stories of kings, ghosts, fairies, treasures, enchanted nature, and witchcraft are set in cities, villages, fields, and forests from the wild western coast to the modern streets of Dublin and Belfast. Edited by Henry Glassie With black-and-white illustrations throughout Part of the Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library

This book is a representative collection of twenty-nine Fairy Tales of India. Take a literary tour through India's rich folk tale tradition in this comprehensive volume by historian and folklorist Joseph Jacobs. These Indian tales resemble the stories that flourished in

Europe, such as the tales by the Brothers Grimm and by Aesop, although they have an Indian flavor. The collector of these stories contends that they are very old, older than the legends and folk-tales that later flourished in Europe. He believes that India was the originator of this genre and the stories were possibly brought to Europe by the crusaders or other travelers that passed through India. The stories in this edition are amply illustrated.

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