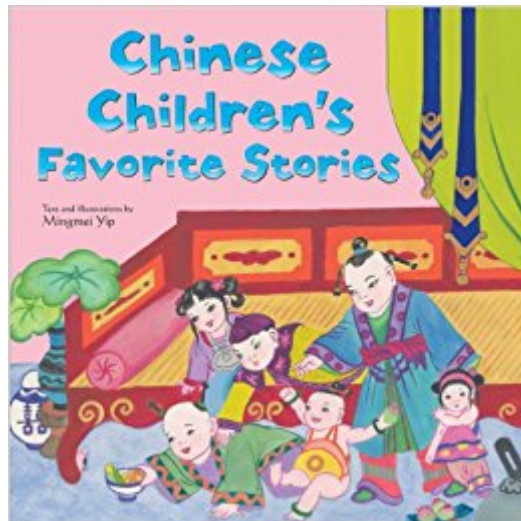




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# Chinese Children's Favorite Stories



## Synopsis

Chinese Children's Favorite Stories is a delightful selection of thirteen Chinese folktales as told by author-illustrator Mingmei Yip. Inspired by her father's nightly story-telling adventures when she was a child, Yip hopes that by "retelling some of these thousand-year-old Chinese stories," she can pass along Chinese folklore and fables to many readers. Children will also enjoy Mingmei Yip's other collection of Chinese Children's Stories: Grandma Panda's China Storybook. Retold for an international audience, the beautifully illustrated stories will give children aged five to ten in other countries a glimpse into both the tradition and culture of China. The Children's Favorite Stories series was created to share the folktales and legends most beloved by children in the East with young readers of all backgrounds in the West. In Chinese Children's Favorite Stories, discover the many delightful characters--from a monkey and fairy, to ghosts and frogs--in stories such as: The Mouse Bride, Dream of the Butterfly, The Ghost Catcher, The Frog Who Lived in a Well, How the Fox Tricked the Tiger, The Monkey King Turns the Heavenly Palace Upside Down.

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Age Range: 5 - 14 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 8

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2  
A collection of 13 traditional "thousand-year-old" stories. In her introduction, Yip fondly acknowledges her father's role as family storyteller as the inspiration for this

book. Some stories will be familiar, such as "The Mouse Bride," though this version is a little different from Lida Dijkstra's *Little Mouse* (Front St, 2004) and Ed Young's *Mouse Match* (Harcourt, 1997). Other selections include traditional Chinese elements such as dragons and the mischievous monkey king. Like fables, these tales have morsels of wisdom to impart, and almost all have a close connection with the natural world. Explanations of cultural elements are nicely incorporated into the text, such as the qin, a musical instrument. Yip's writing is clear and accessible to children, and the bright pastel illustrations are appealing. An attractive addition for larger collections. —Robin L. Gibson, formerly at Perry County District Library, New Lexington, OH

Gr. 3-5, younger for reading aloud. These 13 stories feature talking animals, a ghost catcher, a trickster fox, the River Dragon King, and the mischievous monkey Wu Kong, as well as cowherds, scholars, musicians, and emperors. Some tales have morals; others explain customs or traditions. Most are familiar, but no sources are cited other than the author's storytelling father. The art has a traditional Chinese look, with conventional landscapes, animals, and roly-poly, cherubic children. A small ghost peeks out from the binding after one ghost story. Storytellers may prefer other collections of Chinese folklore, but children will be drawn by the abundant colorful illustrations and the short, straightforward retellings. Linda Perkins  
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As another reviewer mentioned the length of these stories is perfect for a bedtime story. The choice of stories are all classic Chinese stories which are ingrained in Chinese culture. The illustrations are all very striking and the short explanations of how these stories are remembered today was very educational for a Westerner living in Taiwan like myself.

I first bought this book when I adopted my daughter. Then we lost it in a move and we definitely needed another copy even though my daughter is much older now

My kids really like this book and pick it out a lot as bedtime reading. A couple of the stories, like a ghost story, I don't read as a bedtime story. The illustrations are quite colorful and lovely. It's been good, in my mind, for expanding my children's (4 and 6 y/o) exposure to different cultures.

Adorable, bought for friends young daughter who is obsessed with Chinese culture. Beautiful pictures.

Fun reading to kids.

My daughter, whom we adopted from China, loves this book. It is one of her favorites at bedtime. She loves hearing the classic Chinese fables. The artwork is very nice as well.

Beautiful illustrations that make these traditional stories come to life in a new way!

Love this but my daughter can barely tolerate it.

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