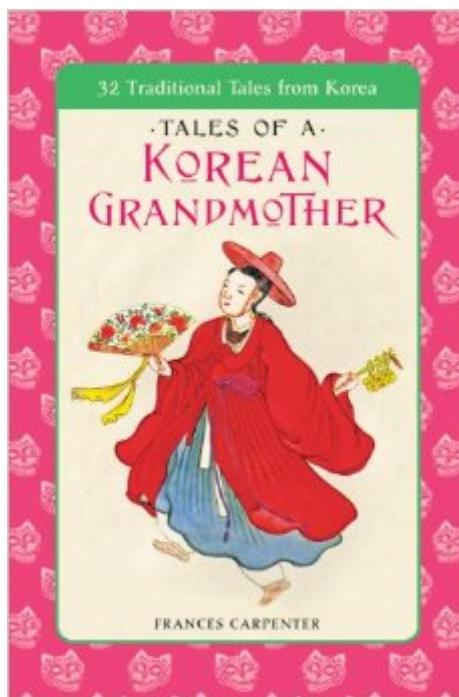


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Synopsis

This multicultural children's book presents classic Korean fairy tales and other folk storiesâ "providing a delightful look into a rich literary culture. The Korean people possess a folklore tradition 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. In her best-selling book for young readers, Frances Carpenter collects thirty-two classic Korean children's stories from the "Land of the Morning Calm": the woodcutter and the old men of the mountain; the puppy who saved his village from a tiger; the singing girl who danced the Japanese General into the deep river; Why the Dog and Cat are Not friends; and even a more familiar tale of the clever rabbit who outsmarted the tortoise. The children of the Kim family sit at their beloved Grandmother's knee to listen to these and other traditional folk tales which are rooted in thousands of years of Korean culture.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this book as a gift for "Gotcha Day", a tradition started in our family when we picked up our new granddaughter at the airport. She has been exposed to a lot of Korean culture as a reminder of her birth country. She is an avid reader at the age of six and loves this book as well as her mother and grandmother. I recommend it to any parent or grandparent of a Korean child.

As is the case in so many gathered fairytales this one has a good half that have been told in many many other countries. Some of the uniqueness of a Korean upbringing, way of looking at the world, and feeling of a long ago time shines through and will be appreciated by old (me) and young who love these tales.

Awesome depiction of traditional Korean tales that lend wonderful insight into Korean culture. As a former lit teacher who loves a great story, and as a mom who enjoyed reading stories with her children, I found each story engaging, insightful, and highly relevant for anyone interested in various aspects of Korean culture. Now that my family trains in tae kwon do--which originates in Korea--reading these tales helps us have even greater awareness of some of the subtle nuances of our interactions when we're immersed in Korean community settings. The illustrations are eloquent, quiet meditations on some of those nuances.

I was looking for a book of old Korean folk tales, like the kind that my grandparents used to tell me when I was a child. I thought it would be great to share some of those stories with my children but this book did not really tell the same kind of charming and funny stories that were told to me.

I enjoyed reading this book because I am interested in Korean tales but don't know Korean. It does not have colorful illustrations like 'Korean Children's Favorite Stories' (from the same publisher), so it is more suitable for older children as it only has some black and white pictures. I would recommend it to parents who would like to share tales from Korea with their children but do not know Korean.

Tales of a Korean Grandmother

Each story begins with either Ok-cha (granddaughter) or Yong-tu (grandson) asking a question about the world. Halmoni (the grandmother) responds with a story. Many of the stories are funny. Another good thing about them is that they have good morals. I really like how the characters seemed so real. At first I thought the book was fiction. It also taught me a lot about World War 2. The main crisis in the book is about how the Japanese invaded Korea in World War 2. It describes it very interesting. Not everything in the book I liked, though. It tells that Korea believes in evil spirits and, demons, and false gods. Even though these are facts about what Korea's people believed, it upsets me because I am a Christian. The ending was very clever. It showed Ok-cha as a Halmoni telling stories to her grandchildren! Tales of a Korean Grandmother is a wonderful book and I hope you will get to read it.

This book has good stories and give a interesting look into the life of Korean family before modernize of the country.

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