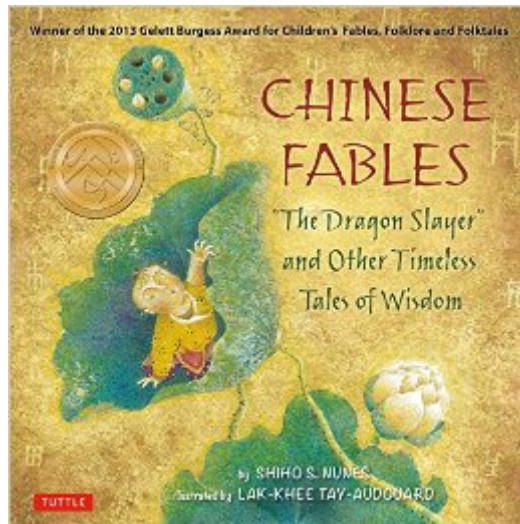


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# Chinese Fables: The Dragon Slayer And Other Timeless Tales Of Wisdom



## Synopsis

**\*\*Winner of the 2014 Aesop Prize for Children's and Young Adult Literature\*\*\*\*Winner of the 2013 Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award for Fables, Folklore & Fairytales\*\*\*\*2014 Creative Child Magazine Book of the Year Award Winner\*\***For thousands of years, Chinese storytellers have delighted listeners with stories about the value of virtues like honesty, respect, courage and self-reliance. Chinese Fables collects nineteen of these wonderful tales, some of them dating back to the third century BCE, and retells them in contemporary English for a modern audience. Each of these stories offers a nugget of ancient folk wisdom and shares aspects of Chinese culture and lore. All of the tales express the foibles and wisdom of human experience with great humor and affection. And although the lessons are universal, the wit and flavor are uniquely Chinese. Beautifully illustrated by a master Chinese artist using a patchwork of ancient tones and textures, with a deft touch of humor, this book will give great joy to children and adults alike. Chinese children's stories include: The Practical Bride Stealing the Bell, Kwan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, Cooking the Duck, Scaring the Tigers, The Dragon Slayer

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is one of those rare books that speaks to all ages. Shiho Nunes brings a thoughtful selection of beautifully illustrated tales to life with the voice of a natural-born storyteller. I am looking forward to

reading and discussing them with my children and grandchildren.

A jogging bride, a musician who woos a cow, a noisy thief, rambunctious religionists, mercenary monks, an unemployed dragon slayer: These are some of the characters vividly portrayed in Shiho Nunes' Chinese Fables. The one-to two-page tales, which date from 500 BCE to the 12th century CE, are reminiscent of currently popular flash fiction, rich in detail despite their succinctness. In fact the source for this book is a collection of story lines that Ms. Nunes has fleshed out brilliantly. Illustrations by Lak-Khee Tay-Audouard are at once charming and sumptuous, with exquisite elaboration. Chinese Fables is an ideal gift for either children or adults.

It was wonderful to see it published before the author Shiho Nunes, our friend passed away. We understood that it won the Folklore award. My husband and I had read several of the tales as they were first written and before the collection was sent for publication. My husband had done several drawings for it but Shiho said "it isn't Chinese enough". Also we understand that publishers have their own stable of artists. The page of acknowledgements was a surprise as the author thanked my husband for his help. She was a great story teller and witty woman. Karen Sisler Honolulu, HI

My 9 year old is hoarding it, making my 12 year old antsy while he reads other stuff. My kids really enjoy this new perspective for them...

In these tales, Shiho Nunes has managed to plate up, in delightful bite-sized pieces, the wit (or lack thereof), folly (of which there is an abundance) and humanity (oh, the -- ) from Chinese folktales. Gleaned from over 17 or so centuries, the characters and their situations remain totally recognizable, despite the changes technology, philosophy, religion and any other cerebral and political constructs invented over the centuries may have made to the surface of our lives. The marriage of Nunes' light but pointed prose and Lak-Khee Tay-Audouard's mixed media illustrations make Fables a true little treasure. Be sure to share it!

I just love owning this book! It would make a great gift for anyone from a bright 6-year-old to a bright one hundred year old. The cover art is gorgeous glorious golden color. Very clever illustrations and design throughout are perfectly adapted to the fables. The wit and writing skill of Shiho Nunes satisfyingly capture the reader in her web of insights into human behavior. She has chosen to embellish fables that are truly timeless. What fun! Mary Anderson Parks author of "The Circle Leads

Home"

A wonderful selection of traditional Chinese fables from a born story teller. Each fable is elegantly retold with a clear moral lesson to be learned. The illustrations beautifully capture the essence of the stories adding to the charm of the book.

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