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YEH-Shen: THE CHINESE CINDERELLA (Missives From The Middle Kingdom)



Synopsis

An introduction to Chinese Folktales as told to an American English Teacher by his Chinese University students. This is a look at the students of China and some of the classic myths they learn as they grow to adulthood.

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YEH-Shen: THE CHINESE CINDERELLA (Missives From The Middle Kingdom) by Ray Simmons. This is a book for the people!!! I never wanted to purchase the book but I followed my mind. I enjoyed the book and Would love to give this out as a gift to my friends and some of the colleagues at the place of my work. I read bits of this to the group of library faculty and staff that I supervise, and we had a great conversation about the book on how the author was able to put together a great book like this. I recommend this highly for anyone

A beautiful piece. I was curious to read this Chinese version of a Cinderella story which is quite different from the Europe version. This is a story of a young girl, Yeh Shen, who went through terrible times in the hands of her step mother and her step sister. She overcame their wickedness to become the bride of a King. A lovely Chinese folktale well narrated in the book. A happy ending story in which good prevails over evil.

This is not the version of Yeh Shen that I wanted.... Horrible purchase. I do not know what this is. Just pictures of random Chinese people and an interview like reading. Waste of money.

Dont buy this book. I bought it thinking it was a classic Chinese version of Cinderella but it was not. It's a fake!

A must read book! A great story and wonderful insight to Chinese fairy tales.

The content of the book is heavily twisted. the author may argue that he intended to encourage the students in creative work. but, when the students began the story with " once upon a time", did the author bother to ask them what time exactly was the story, and what place was the story? As an ESL teacher, isn't it your responsibility to guide the students to treat a fairy story with academic attitude?secondly, when the author planned to published this story to represent Chinese traditional folk tales, has he ever bothered to do his homework? In 1932, R.D. Jameson, then professor in the Department of Western Languages and Literature at the National Tsing Hua University, devoted one of his series of three lectures on Chinese folklore to the subject. (Alan Dundes, Cinderella; a casebook, 71,copy right 1982, 1988), or has he read the book Yeh-Shen: a Cinderella Story from China. (by Ai-Ling Louie, copyright 1982)?Another question: as is described in the book, Baicheng is a backward border city in the northeast of China, has he made any effort to improve the condition of that school? say, invite more volunteers to teach English there or to set up a charity fund to change and improve their condition?Is he a responsible teacher to mislead the readers in the US?Looking forward to the author's reply.

I loved this version of Cinderella and also the thought that the story came from Asia to Europe. Though it shares some of the Asian beliefs, It was extremely cool to see how completely different cultures read things otherwise in society. This would be a good book to use in my classroom when teaching students concerning other countries.

'Chinese Folktales', quite interesting topics to have. That what the american teacher got, very lovely and nice to read.

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