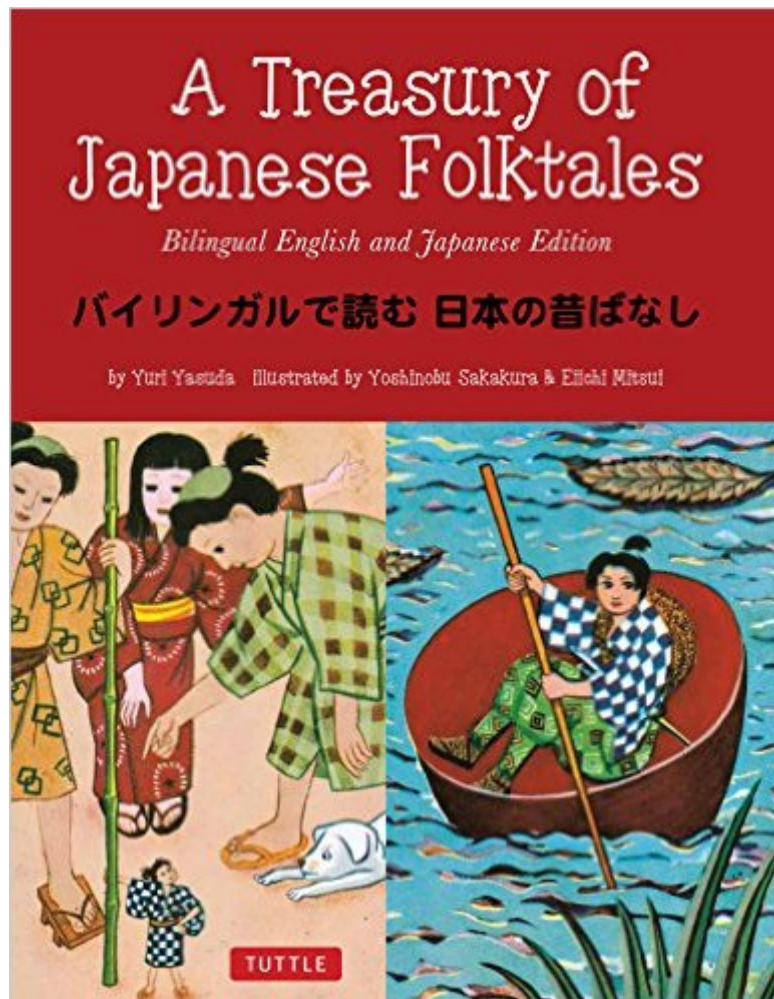


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# A Treasury Of Japanese Folktales: Bilingual English And Japanese Edition



## Synopsis

Learn Japanese and enjoy folktales at the same time with this whimsically illustrated multicultural children's book! This bilingual edition of *A Treasury of Japanese Folktales* is presented in both English and Japanese and contains 12 of the best Japanese legends and fairy tales, told to generation after generation of Japanese children. Originally written in English by Yuri Yasuda, based on her interpretations of traditional Japanese tales, these charming stories of rich imagination are now accompanied by Japanese text by Yumi Matsunari and Yumi Yamaguchi. The Japanese text includes basic kanji accompanied by furigana to help beginning learners to recognize and learn the characters. Adventures carry us, on turtle-back, to the splendors of the underwater palace of the dragon princess, to the beautiful hills where Kintaro plays with his animal friends, and to a temple where we discover a "tea kettle" that is really a cunning badger in disguise. Executed with great skill and imagination, the 98 color illustrations bring to life the charming characters of these heart-warming tales of old Japan, which include: Shitakiri Suzume, the Tongue-Cut Sparrow Kintaro, the Strong Boy Kaguya Hime, the Luminous Princess Momotaro, the Peach Boy Bunbuku Chagama, the Lucky Cauldron

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The Japanese version of the tales is a bit oddly worded, as if it was a haphazard translation from

English, and not natural Japanese. There are also quite a few differences between the Japanese and the English text. I was planning to read the book to my kid in English and have my wife read the Japanese versions for him, but she decided to stick to "real" Japanese folktale books instead...

I bought this book to present to a teenager who is currently fascinated with Japanese language. The Japanese kana in the book are easy enough to read and the additional English version (is not a literal translation) is easy too. I think for a person who is learning Japanese is a good way to get introduced to the most known fairy tales of Japan.

I am a Japanese language student. And, I have been looking to find something like this for several months. I am glad I have what I wanted, for both myself and my son. The colors are vivid and bright. And, the book was larger than what I thought. I am thoroughly satisfied with my purchase.

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Daughter studying Japanese independently. We looked for children's books in Japanese for her to practice reading, but hard to find locally. Came quickly, and the artwork is pretty too. Nice heavyweight pages and hard cover.

I am actually a school student, but my school does not offer Japanese classes (BUMMER!!) So I decided to do some heavy self-studying instead! This book is pretty helpful!!!! I am able to take my time understanding basic sentence structures in Japanese language and understand them first-hand in this book! Plus, I get to read a few folktale stories while I do so! :) Very cool!!

A good illustrated and quite big (in size meaning) book. Just consider that you need to have some Japanese understanding to get it. This book does not have neither dictionary nor comments - just text in 2 languages: Japanese and English. If you are OK with that, you'll enjoy it.

The stories are fun, if a little sanitized in places, but the English translations are a little artistic and don't always match the Japanese as closely as I'd like for language studies. It has a good selection

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