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The Sun Girl And The Moon Boy: A Korean Folktale



Synopsis

"A long time ago in Korea, there was not enough light. It was before the sun and the moon had been created." So begins one of the most treasured folktales of Korea. Reminiscent of Little Red Riding Hood, this ancient tale reveals how a hungry tiger tries to trick a young boy and girl into thinking that he is their mother. But their sharp wits and a measure of good luck are enough to save the children and reunite them with their mother, high above in the sky. Together, they bring the first rays of sunlight and moonlight to the world below. Having heard this story told many times by her grandmother, Yangsook Choi now brings her own voice and breathtaking oil paintings to *The Sun Girl and the Moon Boy*. With them, she shares an important part of her childhood and the Korean tradition. Â Â

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As a children's librarian, I have used this book many times both as a picture book and for storytelling without the book. Both methods work well. The story is intense and a little scary but the kids enjoy it, and the artwork is beautiful.

I found this beautiful children's book in my collection, and used it with a big tiger puppet to enthrall the children in my preschool storyhour. They loved it! The mothers enjoyed hearing the familiar Little Red Riding Hood theme with a new setting and a twist ending. This was a great resource.

The drawings are well crafted and intriguing.

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