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Danielle says

Good tales overall. There was only one that entirely new to me in this collection -- it featured a kind, wise, and exotic "black man" who claimed that while he "had dark skin, his heart was still good." If you're interested in odd takes on color in folktales, this collection is worth reading for his story alone.

Benjamin Chandler says

A decent collection of Czech folktales.

Having lived in Slovakia since 2011, I was surprised that only one of the 23 here was familiar to me. ("The 12 Months") The tales here are written as if Baudis was transcribing a village storyteller's yarn word for word, adding a bit of color with a number of droll asides. There's plenty of heroes, a couple dragons, lots of princesses and kings, and more than one person who outwits the devil.

The collection, though, peters out at the end with a few no-plot tales that felt more like local folklore than fairy tales. Bits like, "A witch once lived there," or "A guy fought the vodnik at that riverbank." They're amusing, but not as fleshed out as the stories that come before.

Still, on the whole, the stories were fun and certainly not well-worn. They still felt pretty fresh for a book first published in 1917.

Katie says

I read a book by Josef Baudis entitled "Czech Folk Tales," published in 1913. It was interesting and I forgot how odd fairy tales are.

Rrshively says

This book does help one to be a part of Czech folk culture. I believe some of the stories could have been developed better to make the basic story go more smoothly and be more interesting.
