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What do polite pandas, cunning kitties, talkative turtles, and hasty hedgehogs have in common? They all feature in the delightful new book of whimsical animal stories by award-winning artist Demi! Adapted from traditional folktales, these lighthearted stories have a universal appeal and will provide valuable lessons for little hearts and minds to absorb. Discover how panda learns the importance of sharing, how turtle discovers the danger of being proud, and how everyone, including tiny hummingbird, has their part to play in life.

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From Reader Review The Pandas and Their Chopsticks: And Other Animals Stories for online ebook

Wallis Chan says

This book is a series of short stories adapted from some well-known Chinese fables. The stories were short but poignant. It's a great book for beginner readers.

Kristen says

A great collection of stories to teach life lessons. Wonderfully illustrated and simple yet so full of wisdom.

Lady says

Eastern Wisdom For Tiny Tykes

I LOVE Wisdom Tales! This one is all gorgeously illustrated animal proverbs with decidedly Eastern wisdom. I really enjoyed this book and can't wait to share it with my children as I believe these are really important lessons! Each time I find a new Wisdom Tale I am pleasantly surprised with the ancient wisdom being passed on in such a beautiful fashion to our modern world!

***This book is suitable for children of all ages both to read together and to be read aloud at bed/nap time.

Jillyn says

Two and a half stars, rounded up.

I'm a sucker for pandas, so when I came across this title I had to check it out. Unfortunately for me, the illustrations outshone the actual text and story telling by a pretty big amount.

This book contains multiple short stories, and I mean short. Each little fable is only about two or three sentences. While I like the morals or lessons that each animal story tells, it felt like no effort was put into the story telling at all. It wasn't very creative and they're very blunt and to the point. I expected more detail and storytelling, even in a children's book.

I did, however, love the illustrations. They were gorgeous and made the brief snippets of text come to life. They're really bright and fun and capture the imagination that the stories themselves are lacking in. For me, the illustrations are what saved this book.

I wouldn't really recommend it, but it's worth a flip through just for the illustrations alone. Thanks to Netgalley & Wisdom Tales for my copy in exchange for my honest review. This review can also be found on my blog, Bitches n Prose.

Lorna says

A cheap imitation of Aesop's fables filled with some nice illustrations. While the stories in this book were nice, and all contained a moral at the end, they were each too brief. Most of the stories were only a few sentences long and could have used more development and description. For example, "A Hedgehog Thinks Twice" is about a hedgehog who believes his neighbor stole his shovel until he realizes that he had forgotten it in his own garden. The one sentence in the story describing the neighbor's "suspicious" behavior could have been developed into a full paragraph for much more comic effect. Most of the stories had similar issues. They weren't described enough to really transmit the moral to the reader.

I really enjoyed the border illustrations in this book. Each of the pages was bordered by small drawings of the animals written about in the stories.

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A Reader's Heaven says

(I received a free copy of this book from Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.)

Eating bamboo shoots with chopsticks three feet long? Impossible, you say. Not if you are a playful panda and learn to share and work together with your friends! In her newest work, award-winning author, Demi, presents 10 classic animal stories, each containing important moral lessons for little hearts and minds to absorb. Cunning kitties, helpful hummingbirds, talkative turtles, and hasty hedgehogs, all bring these beautiful fables to life. Through her magical illustrations and whimsical storytelling, Demi teaches the importance of being humble, the dangers of being too proud, the importance of generosity and sharing, and how everyone, no matter how small, has a part to play in life.

A collection of fables/parables. Each one is 2 pages long with a nice life lesson at the end of each one.

The highlight of this book were the illustrations. Each story is bordered by the animals depicted in the story and look beautiful and playful. A young child will delight in the colours and the "adventures" of the different animals.

This would be a great book for parents to read with their children and would open up conversations that a lot of parents need to have with their kids.

Paul
ARH

Kristi Bernard says

What child and parent doesn't love a good old fashioned folk tale? Readers will love these cute Asian fables brought back to life with their extraordinary illustrations, that are colorful, detailed works of art. Young readers will enjoy a variety of tales that teach. The stories are seemingly simplistic but deliver a powerful message. Below is a sample of what readers may find throughout these pages.

A River Discovers The Ocean

Once upon a time, there was a big river. The river was so wide that buffaloes on one bank couldn't see horses on the other. The big river was proud. He thought that he was as great as great could be. Imagine his surprise when he finally came to the ocean. It was so much bigger than himself!

The river said to the ocean, "If I hadn't seen your size with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it. I thought I was as great as great could be!"

The ocean replied, "Nothing on earth is as great as me. Thousands of rivers flow into me, yet I am never full. But I know I am still just one part of the earth. And I am still only a speck of dust compared to the greatness of Heaven!"

Be humble. It is the starting point of all greatness.

Wisdom Tales has always provided exceptional books that teach young readers values and history. The display of tales combined with the exceptional artwork will be a treasure for any home library. Parents, teachers and children will enjoy these books for a lifetime.

Cheryl says

A winner from Demi

I've enjoyed children's books I've read in the past from Wisdom Tales Press. They do a quality job - from the authors they select to represent to the books produced. *THE PANDAS AND THEIR CHOPSTICKS AND OTHER ANIMAL STORIES* by author/illustrator Demi is my favorite book of theirs so far.

The stories remind me of Aesop's Fables that I read when I was young. These are very short stories, with a moral at the end of each story printed in italics - perfect for young children with short attention spans. They also allow for a good discussion time with your children.

The thing I like the most about these stories are the illustrations. They look like they are painted in cloisonné enamel. I've never seen this effect before in the illustrating of books. The illustrations are truly gorgeous.

NOTE: I received this book in exchange for my honest review.

Becky B says

A collection of 1-4 page fables with an Asian flavor.

Each of these short fables is accompanied by illustrations that are quintessentially Demi. All of the fables feature animals and all have a moral written at the bottom of the last page. The morals are all great advice for living well with others and being a kind and thoughtful person. It might be a bit much for kids to read all of these at once, but they would make good quick daily readings about conduct of life/morals/ethics. Definitely recommended if you're studying fables.

Jacqueline says

The illustrations in this book are exquisite. And the stories are clever and fun to read. This will make a wonderful bedtime reading experience.

Stephanie Cover2CoverBlog says

This 28 page book is broken up into short (2 page) fables, each with a lesson that follows. The book is bright and stunning with illustrations on each page and borders that go with the stories as well. I loved the Pandas at the beginning and all of the lessons are insightful and understandable.

The illustrations were simple yet interesting and the pictures of the animals were fun. Some of the tales I liked the most were: The Kite on a String, The Helpful Hummingbird, and The Owl's Hoot.

I think this is an interesting way to teach a child these worldly lessons, but it can also just be read as tales to enjoy.

Kimberly Burrell says

My kids liked this book, it has some interesting short stories. This book held all of my children's interest, and has cute illustrations. The book is also very colorful.

Cindy Williams says

Wonderful Asian folktales. Engaging illustrations - animals very expressive

Carol says

This is an adorable book of fables for children. The Pandas and their Chopsticks by Demi is one of those books that children will want to have read to them over and over again. It is written in easy to understand words and the moral of each story is at the end in red.

Each story is has a different border. The story about the pandas and their chopsticks is surrounded by pandas in different poses on the two pages. The illustrations are colorful and playful. It would make a welcome gift

for a child.

I received this book from the publishers because of a win from FirstReads but that in no way influences my thoughts or feelings in my review.

The Styling Librarian says

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Great book for all ages. These are fantastic short stories to share with students. You can have extended, thoughtful conversations about life choices, sharing, how pride can impact life, and the importance of everyone on earth. Beautiful collection of stories. It has been a little while since Demi released a book and this is worth the wait! I just love all of Demi's creations... The Pandas and their Chopsticks was my favorite part of the collection since it reminded me of some philosophical discussions I had in high school.
