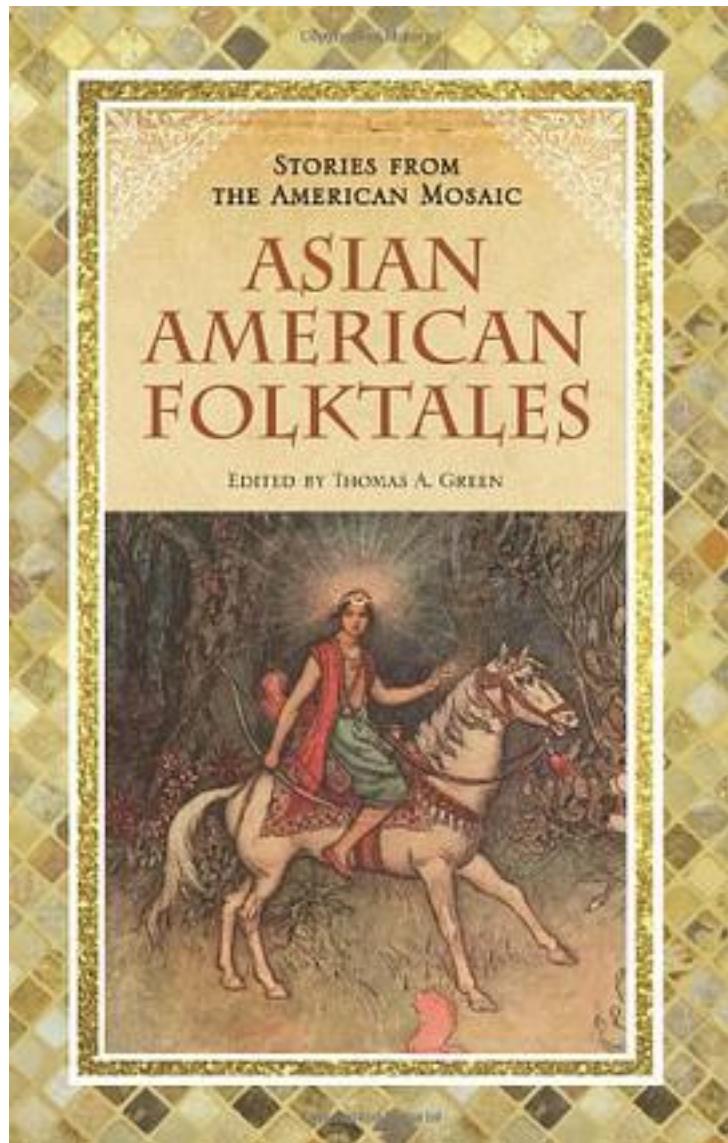


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This book conveniently collects together and comments on more than 30 of the most important Asian American folktales. Drawing upon the traditions of their native lands, Asian Americans have developed an extensive cultural tradition. At the heart of that tradition are some of the world's most colourful folktales. These reflect the traditional beliefs of the East, as they have been passed down among generations of Asian Americans. They also reflect the struggles, successes, and experiences of Asian immigrants in the New World. This book is a fascinating introduction to Asian American folktales. The volume includes a healthy sampling of tales grouped in topical sections on origins; heroes, heroines, villains, and fools; society and conflict; and the supernatural. Among the more than 30 tales included are: "The Great Gambling Match"; "The Monkey and the Turtle"; "Why Dogs Wag Their Tails"; "The Fish Prince"; "The Ogre of Rashomon"; "The Farmer and the Badger"; "How an Old Man Lost His Wen"; "The Magic Rice Kettle"; "An Encounter with a Hobgoblin"; and "Evil Eye of Sani". Each tale is accompanied by a head-note, and the book closes with a selected, general bibliography.

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