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Taiwan Folktales: Proverbs, Folk Sayings, And Folktales From Taiwan.





Synopsis

For more than thirty years, Fred H. Lobb has been collecting Chinese-language folktale anthologies, expertly translating the stories for use in the classroom. Here he presents many of these folktales, legends, myths, and proverbs from a land he deeply loves - Taiwan. The stories included in this volume originate from the majority population of Taiwan, the Hokkien - and Hakka-speaking Taiwanese of Han Chinese descent. A few myths and a folktale also come from the aboriginal people of Taiwan.

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I loved this little treasure trove from Taiwan, which is why I'm giving it 5 stars. The only downside was that I really wish it had more stories. I had a few favorite tales too, such as The Bride of Lord Snake, which made me think of Beauty and the Beast. It was researching more for that tale that I found Mr. Lobb's fascinating blog. Thank you for such a treasure, Mr. Lobb.

There can't be many people dying to read translations of Taiwanese folktales, but if you're one of

them, this book is perfect. If you're not one of them, but have an interest in languages and cultures, you'll find it very worthwhile. As someone who works in Taiwan but doesn't speak Chinese, I feel I understand Taiwanese people a bit better after reading it. Also, I've found the idioms especially useful when designing teaching materials for Taiwanese students.

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