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Here is a treasury of charming tales brimming with the humor, whimsy and imagination characteristic of Native American folklore. Specially chosen from children, the stories include an Algonquin tale of how Glooskap conquered the Great Bull-Frog, and how pollywogs, crabs, leeches, and other water creatures were created; "The Meeting of the Wild Animals," a Tsimshian myth recounting how the four seasons came into being and why all animals are afraid of the porcupine; "The Bear Man," a Cherokee legend about a hunter who lived with her prey; and "The Man Who Married the Moon," a Pueblo tale of a great chief, his beautiful wife, and the treachery of two evil corn maidens.

These and nine other authentic tales offer a wealth of reading entertainment as well as insight into American Indian life and culture. Six new full-page illustrations by Thea Kliros enhance the text, printed in large, easy-to-read type.

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Jana says

I finally gave up on this. I was having to force myself to read each new story. Just not my thing.

Kaitlin Heaton says

This is my traditional literature book.

It is an interesting book of Native American tales. Some are a little weird and children might not get them but others could be a lot of fun for different things such as learning about that culture. (Bullfrog one).

Arwen says

I'm trying to collect all of these Dover Children's "Legends" books, and I feel if I'm going to buy it I should read it. But this one was extremely tough to get through. Either the stories needs to be reedited for clarity or some context added because they were muddled and hard to understand the way they were presented.

Tasia says

Some of these stories seem Westernized and or far from something that would be told orally. Not much history or other insight is given into each culture mentioned or what time period these stories are from (or when exactly they were collected). Overall, a problematic collection of Native American legends that are fine for a casual read, but I wouldn't hold them up as the best renditions.

Wayne Walker says

This volume from Dover Children's Thrift Classics, which I picked up at the Ohio Historical Society Museum in Columbus, OH, last fall, is a new anthology containing the unabridged text of thirteen North American Indian myths and legends selected from standard sources and intended especially for children. It is a sampling of stories handed down through generations of various Native American peoples, including the Tsimshian of the Pacific Northwest, the Passamaquoddy of Maine, the Micmac of New Brunswick, and the Pueblo of the American Southwest, along with the Cherokee, the Iroquois, and the Sioux. They include an Algonquin tale of how Glooskap conquered the Great Bull-Frog; "The Meeting of the Wild Animals," a Tsimshian myth recounting how all the animals came to fear the porcupine; and "The Man Who Married the Moon," a Pueblo story; as well as ten others.

Some people, especially those who enjoy reading native folklore, may find these accounts charming and

brimming with humor, whimsy, and imagination. However, others may not care for them. In any event, don't expect them to make a whole lot of sense. They certainly are quite fantastic and a few even a little bizarre. The language is not bad. One character uses the euphemistic "Confound it!", which somehow doesn't sound very Native American. As you might imagine, there are several references to smoking tobacco of the "peace pipe" variety. Some of these tales might make a good complement for students who are learning about the unique cultural heritage of North America's original tribes. However, parents may want to preview them and take into account their children's age and sensitivity. For example, in one story a kidnapped girl is forced, probably against her will, to cook a little boy for her master to eat. There are no graphic details, but it's still a great big "ugh!" for children.

Nat says

I am in love with Stories about old cultures, native american, Celtic, whatever. this was actually quite entertaining and full of lessons - expected of a wise culture such as the american indian

?Tamara says

Cute little read!

WSL Library says

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