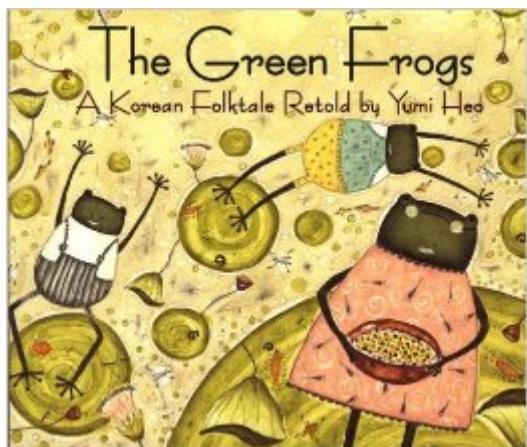


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# The Green Frogs: A Korean Folktale



## Synopsis

Two green frogs love disobeying their mother. They always do the opposite of whatever she tells them to doâ "they stay in bed when she wakes them, they make a mess when she asks them to clean. Theyâ ™re so contrary, they even croak backwards!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I remember being told this story as a young child and being called a green frog numerous times growing up by my mother. Reading this to my children was a great way to share and to pass-on their culture. I'm reminded as I read this story, that old folk-stories (i.e. Hans Christian Anderson's little mermaid and the like) don't often have sugar coated Disney-esque endings and can come as a slight shock to children. My oldest daughter who is eight was saddened with eyes welling up by this story's ending. She was also extremely saddened by the way Hans Christian Anderson's original story of the little mermaid ended to explain why there are bubbles in the ocean.

Wonderful introduction to Korean folklore, with gorgeous illustrations. The story is about two frog children who do the opposite of what their mom asks. At the end (cover your eyes if you don't like the ending given away), the froggie boys learn their lesson when their mom dies. I actually change the ending when reading it to young children, but it could be a nice book for talking to kids about

doing what they're told. It is also a pourquoi story, also known as an origin story, which gives an explanation for why frogs croak when it rains.

I remember my [Korean] mother telling me this story when I was younger. I'm not sure if American audiences will appreciate this story since the lesson learned is "harsh" by Western standards. I plan to share this story with my children. The illustrations are great and the book is short enough to keep their attentions.

Just as many of the original, un-sanitized Grimm fairy tales were, well grim, this story, while charming, is a bit dark. Having said that, the illustrations are absolutely charming and there is value to the story not being sweetened and told as it is.

I love the story so much, that I used it when I was visiting reader in my child's kindergarten class. I was able to expose the kids to something international (Korean) and a life lesson as well. The illustrations are beautiful, but not conventional. Highly recommend.

Colorful pictures. Nice story about frogs that don't listen to their mom. But the ending is harsh and depressing by Western standards. I'm Korean, but I grew up here in California. I was never told this story. I got this for my nephews who are half Korean, half Caucasian. Not so sure now that I can give it since they are 3 and almost 5. I think I'll hold onto it for now.

the story did not delight my audience of little ones. The illustrations were charming. Construction of book was adequate for carrying around in my bag.

The seller sent this to me very quickly. I wish I had read the book prior to ordering though since it is too harsh to use in school as I had intended.

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