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The Little Monkey King's Journey: Stories Of The Chinese Zodiac, Retold In English And Chinese



Synopsis

Long long ago, an old magic stone suddenly cracked open after lying in the sunlight and moonlight for thousands of years. From the shell of the stone, a little Monkey was born. Adopted by the Monkey King in the mountain, Little Monkey was very naughty and playful. One day, while playing in a tree, he fell. When the Monkey King tried to save Little Monkey, he was terribly injured. To save the Monkey King, Little Monkey had to journey across the ocean in search of the immortal pill. With help from the Immortal Turtle, the Phoenix, the Dragon King and the Immortal, the Little Monkey gained a powerful body. Could he find his way home to save the Monkey King?

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3-When the Old Monkey King is knocked unconscious trying to save Little Monkey, Little Monkey undertakes a dangerous journey to find the Old Immortal and get a pill to save the old king. Along the way, he meets many supernatural creatures that teach him the skills he needs to complete his journey and to become immortal himself. In addition to giving him the pill, the Old Immortal also gives Little Monkey a new name, Sun Wukong, or Monkey King. Sun Wukong is a central figure in Chinese folklore, most notably in the 16th-century classic "Journey to the West." Li's telling differs from most versions, as there is little resemblance between the beloved trickster who

seeks immortality out of boredom and the selfless hero shown here. The English text lacks the excitement, danger, and wonder present in the traditional story, and some cultural translations are clumsy and unnecessary. Li's large watercolors evoke Chinese paintings and are presented in full spreads. While serviceable, this title will not replace Ed Young's *Monkey King* (HarperCollins, 2001).-Jennifer Rothschild, Arlington County Public Libraries, VA
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"I have to admit this is my favorite of the monkey tales we have read thus far. The pictures are also beautiful and the quality of the book is amazing." -
•Crafty Moms Share blog
"This book has beautiful illustration. It is an adaption from the well-know Chinese classic, 'The Journey to the West.' Good read for ages Pre K - Gr. 3." -
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Beautiful illustrations! I teach a kid's Kung fu class and we've been using this story as well as Li Jian's *Water Dragon* in the class. We build obstacle courses to be like the different tasks the Little Monkey encounters on his journey to find the Immortal One. The story adds a fun twist to the physical aspect of the Kung fu class.

It's a nice hard back book. We bought it for our future adopted son because it's in Mandarin characters and English.

Very nice adaption from the original story! I grew up reading and watching 'The Journey West'. It's a great story and I want 4 year old son to learn about it. But it's too complicated and some parts of the story is hard for a pre-schooler to understand. This book came in handy. He gets to know the character, the famous 72 transformation, and other cool tricks he can relate to. Can't wait to order other books by the same author!

No pinyin. Good story, even if you don't read Chinese it's still a good enough to hold my three year old daughter's attention. Only complaint is the the book was slightly bowed out when it arrived.

love this book -nice story and beautiful drawing!

This has become my 3 year old's new favorite book. It's great!

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