

Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales: A Journey into Enchantment

A Literary Treasure for Young and Old

Prepare to embark on an extraordinary literary adventure with "Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales," a captivating anthology that weaves a spellbinding tapestry of ancient Japanese folklore. This enchanting collection, meticulously crafted by Grace James, transports readers of all ages to a realm of wonder and imagination.

Open its pages and find yourself immersed in a world where benevolent spirits dance among bamboo groves, magical creatures roam through enchanted forests, and ancient legends unfold with timeless wisdom and charm. Each tale is a testament to the rich cultural heritage of Japan, offering a glimpse into its people's beliefs, customs, and traditions.



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by Grace James

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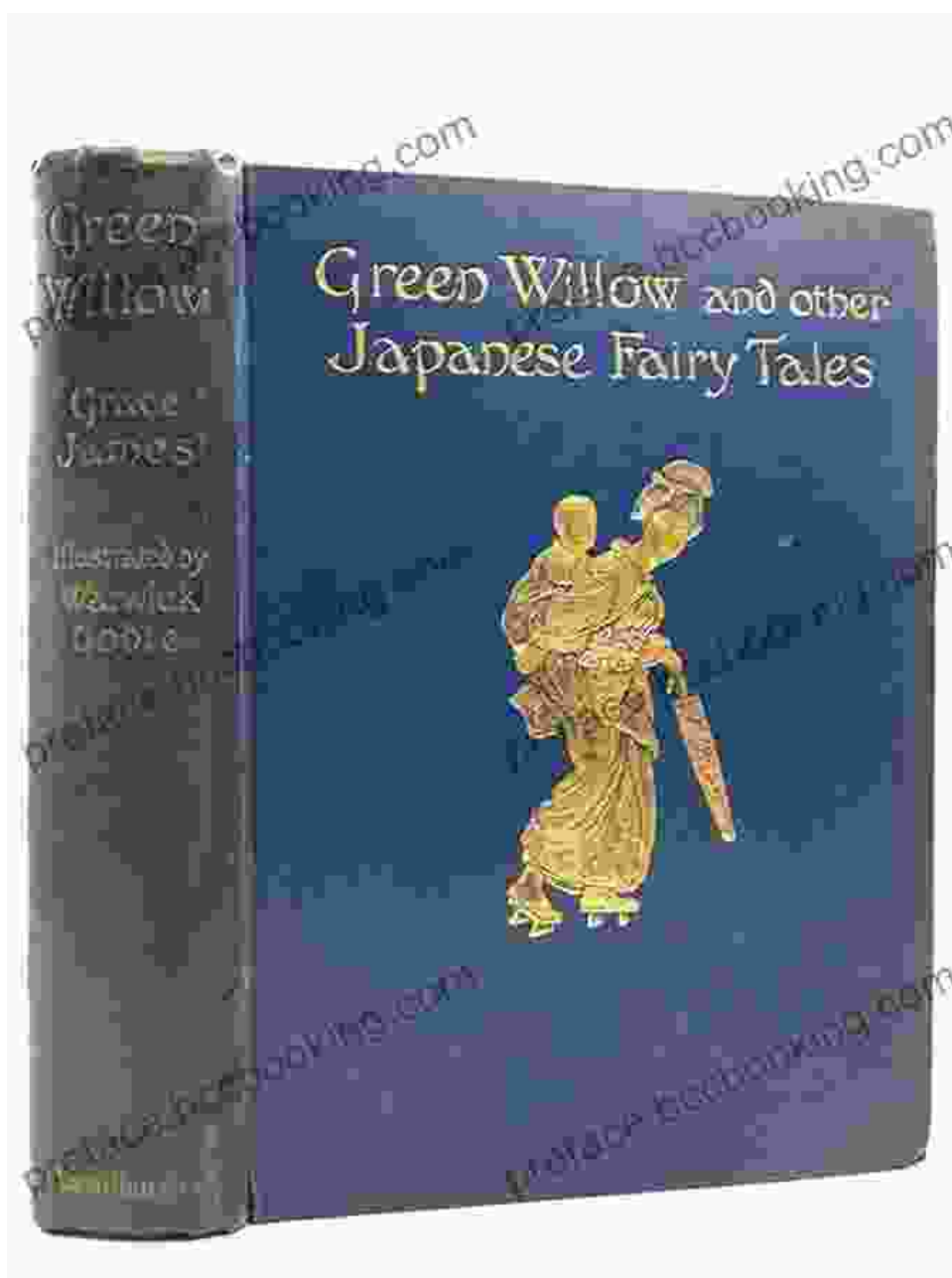
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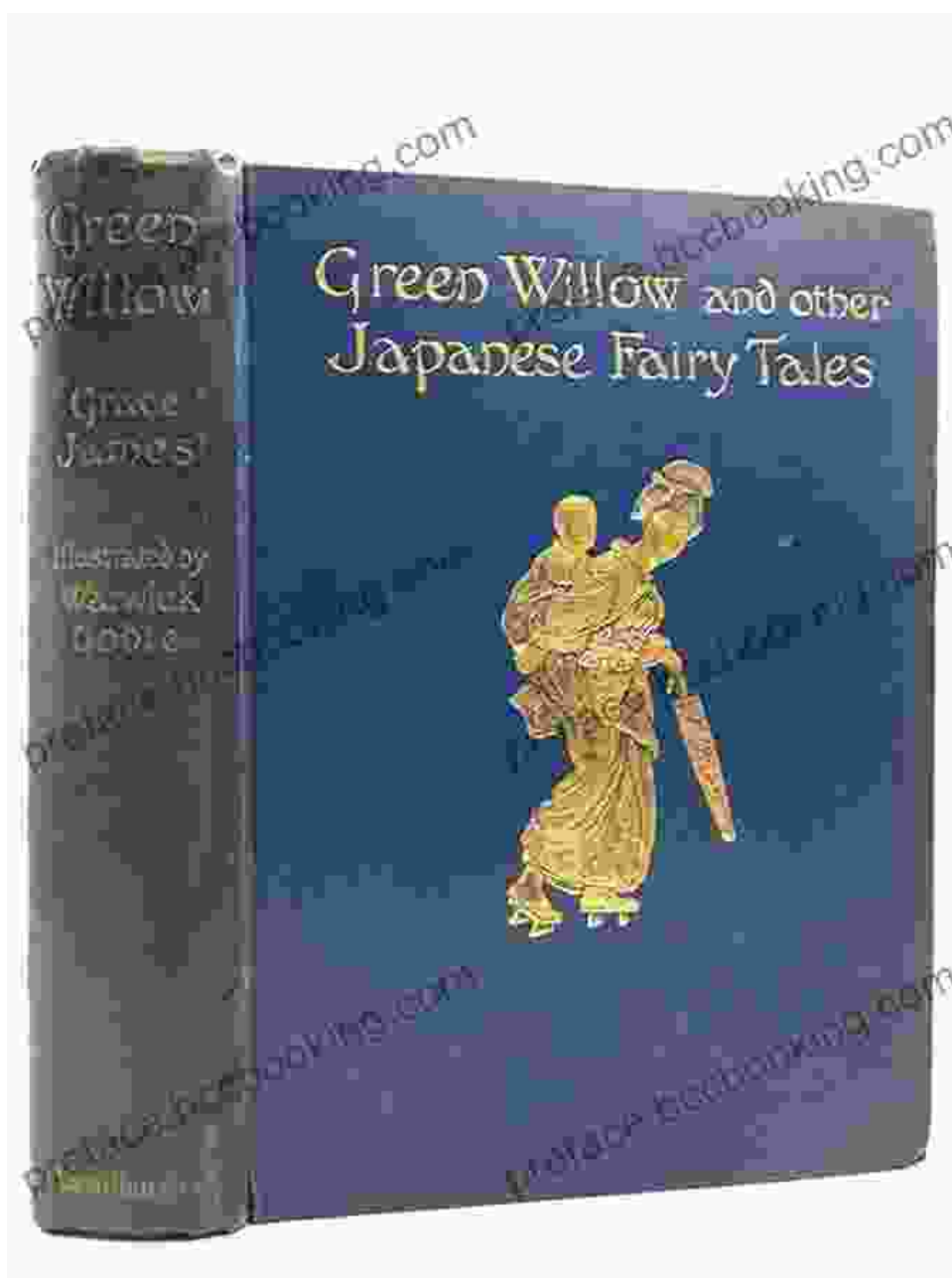
From the heartwarming tale of "The Grateful Crane" to the mesmerizing legend of "The Tongue-Cut Sparrow," "Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales" presents a diverse array of stories that will captivate and inspire.

- **"Green Willow"**: A young boy's encounter with a mischievous spirit leads him on a journey of self-discovery and the importance of kindness.
- **"The Bamboo-Cutter and the Moon Princess"**: A childless couple raises a radiant princess from a glowing bamboo stalk, only to see her return to her celestial home.
- **"Momotaro, the Peach Boy"**: A courageous boy born from a giant peach vanquishes fearsome demons and brings peace to his village.
- **"Urashima Taro"**: A fisherman's encounter with a sea princess unveils the fleeting nature of time and the consequences of greed.
- **"Issun-boshi"**: A tiny boy's unwavering determination triumphs over adversity, proving that even the smallest of beings can achieve greatness.

Enchanting Illustrations Bring Tales to Life

"Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales" is not only a literary masterpiece but also a visual delight. Complementing the enchanting narratives are exquisite illustrations by renowned artist, Kiyoshi Saito. Each artwork captures the spirit of the stories, bringing the characters, landscapes, and magical creatures to life with vibrant colors and intricate details.

The illustrations immerse readers in the rich cultural context of these tales, showcasing traditional Japanese costumes, architecture, and natural beauty. Saito's artistic vision breathes new life into these ancient stories, making them accessible and engaging for modern audiences.



Kiyoshi Saito's captivating illustrations bring the Japanese folklore to life.

A Legacy of Wisdom and Enchantment

Beyond their entertainment value, the tales in "Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales" offer a profound source of wisdom and cultural

insight. They impart valuable lessons about honesty, compassion, perseverance, and the importance of respecting nature.

These timeless stories have been passed down through generations, shaping the moral compass and imagination of Japanese people. By sharing these tales with young readers, we not only preserve a cultural legacy but also sow the seeds of compassion, empathy, and environmental stewardship in their hearts.

An Ideal Gift for Every Occasion

"Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales" is the perfect gift for children and adults alike. Its timeless appeal and captivating stories make it an enchanting addition to any bookshelf, whether for personal enjoyment, bedtime reading, or as a thoughtful present for special occasions.

Give the gift of imagination, wonder, and cultural enrichment with "Green Willow and Other Japanese Fairy Tales." This literary treasure will transport readers to a world of enchantment and leave a lasting impression on their hearts and minds.

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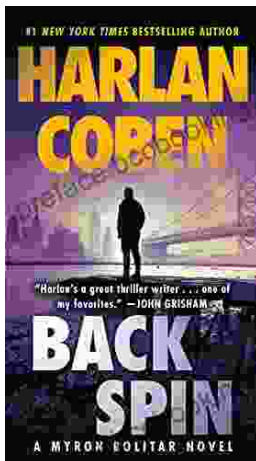
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