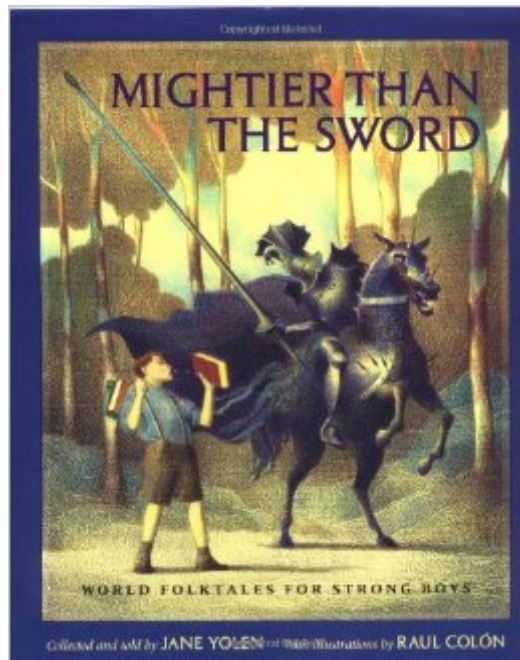


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Mightier Than The Sword: World Folktales For Strong Boys



Synopsis

From China to Burma, Afghanistan to America, this collection of fourteen familiar and little-known stories tells the tales of sons, brothers, kings, and trolls--men and boys united by a common heroism that comes from strength of character, wisdom, and compassion. These stories show that brains trump brawn every time. Renowned storyteller Jane Yolen has created an exciting companion book to her Book Sense 76 Pick Not One Damsel in Distress. An inspired collection of dramatic tales, *Mightier Than the Sword* will inspire boys and girls alike.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

This is a great collection of folktales specifically selected for the author's sons and grandson. The stories are interesting and exciting - they'll hold the attention of the most reluctant reader. Disguised under the fun tales are great lessons of character and integrity that boys today need so desperately to hear. I highly recommend it to parents, teachers, and kids!

This is an excellent collection of folktales featuring heroes who overcome adversity using their wits rather than brute force. My six-year-old son absolutely loves this book, his favourite story is *The Devil with Three Golden Hairs*, but he loves them all. I enjoy reading most of the stories to him

myself, though I admit I found a couple of them a little dull, but most of them are wonderful. The stories come from many different cultures, but all feature clever, likeable heroes. This book should appeal to any boy with imagination.

These folktales are a pleasure to read aloud. Jane Yolen has collected trickster tales and clever boy stories from around the world, and Raul Colon's illustrations are heavenly. Also Check out his illustrations in "Pandora" by Robert Burleigh -- amazing! 15 stories, lots of action. Your kids will love when you read these to them. *****Now about the smug pacifism that Jane Yolen proclaims...I glued the "Open Letter" commentary from Jane Yolen shut -- give me a break. I'm a mom. I am raising a household of boys. Part of being a boy is knowing how and when to stand up for what is right... and sometimes that means brains *and* brawn. Oh, yes. We're a military family. Why do military Daddies have to deploy? Because, in the words of Kenny Rogers, "Sometimes you gotta fight when you're a man." It's easy to self-actualize when grim young men in faraway places stand ready to bleed and die to keep you safe. Please think of heroes like them, too. *****Hang on a second while I climb down off my high horse... There. We love these stories. Your kids will love them, too.

I really enjoyed this selection of stories about smart, strong boys and give it as a gift every chance I get. I finally had to admit that it's more suitable for the 9-year-old than the 3-year-old.

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