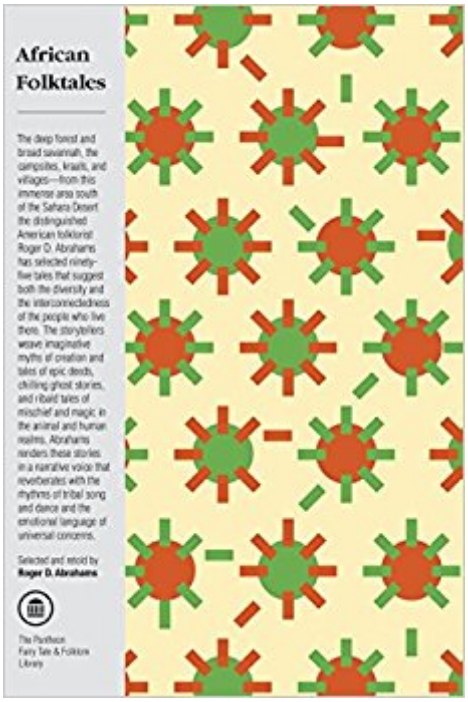
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Synopsis

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This volume sports a hefty 95 stories gleaned from the notes of the earliest missionaries on up to recent anthropological studies. Abrahams admits that reading the stories lacks the full impact of hearing them told aloud but contends that they can nonetheless still be enjoyed. The stories feature numerous illustrations. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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The book is great, though it was very dirty...I would totally recommend reading it for all mythology lovers or if you’re planning on taking myths in college.

Every bit what I expected. I’m very pleased with this order.

This book gives a great representation of folktales from all parts of Africa. These tales highlight the variety of the people and societies on the continent, helping to correct the notion of Africa being one big country. While stylistically consistent, the themese touched in the book speak of sophistication. From epics to simple "lesson" tales, Mr. Abrahams has done a great job laying out the stories. His introduction is also superb, though for some reason two stories he mentions in his introduction are not to be found in the book itself. I highly recommend this book for anyone looking for the "real folk," and not simply beddy time stories (though some stories here could be used for that too!)

I have yet to encounter one of the Pantheon folklore series that was not a good read. This is no exception. My regret is that they have not published more and that some of their folklore books seem out of print. I enjoyed this book and I am happy to recommend it. I knew little of African folklore before reading this book. I plan to look into the subject more.

Great tales that help to bring the African storyteller experience home, help teach issues of morality, introduce some of the animal life, paint the lifestyle of women as well as men, and provide the usual creation myths etc. one is accustomed to finding in a book of myths. Explanations to the set of tales, and each section of tales is provided by the author, along with why he believes them to be of importance. I enjoyed them thoroughly because he invites you into his experience.

This African Folktales book is wonderful. I love the stories, and the African culture that is so prevalent and detailed in this book.

Great collection of african folkloric tales. A must have if you’re looking for a change of pace in your litterary repertoire to explore some handsome, and often poignant, stories coming straight from the old black continent. They won’t have the same impact on you.. But they’ll have an impact.

It depends what you are looking for.I was looking for African folktales and stories, just to enjoy little different mood by reading them. I was looking a book with lot of different kind of stories together.It was exactly what I was expecting. Very good compact collection.If you enjoy an indian legends and stories, other nations legends then this is a good way to get an taste of african tales.You will enjoy it.It is a promise;)

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