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"This book is full of traditional folktales from Korea. It always amazes me how folktales can give you an idea about the culture of a country. The stories include the animals and a bit about life in the country as well as some of the fantasies and legends." —*Crafty Moms Share*

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