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A Pair Of Red Clogs



Synopsis

A child's delight in a new pair of shoes is the same all over the world, whether the shoes are patent-leather sandals, straw alpargatas, deerskin moccasins or wooden clogs. For Mako, a little Japanese girl, the new shoes were clogs painted with red lacquer that shone beautifully. This is the story of what happened after she cracked the new clogs playing the weather-telling game and so longed for a bright, shiny new pair to replace them that she almost did a dishonest thing.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

My mother recently mailed to me a 40 year-old copy of "A Pair of Red Clogs" that I had when I was small. I wept in recognition of the poignant, exquisite illustrations of this young girl's life in Japan which so delighted me as a very young child. I read it now to my two year-old son, who asks questions about "the weather-telling game" that cracked Mako's clogs. The story is character forming, but it's the illustrations that last a lifetime in memory.

It's lovely to see this book is back in print. I received a copy as a birthday gift when I was 5 years old (it was a new publication then!) and continue to treasure that same volume today. I also received a real pair of clogs from Japan about the same time, so the story took on even more meaning for me. I have an opportunity to teach a workshop in Japan in May about how our experiences are reflected

in our artworks -- and this beautifully illustrated story which taught me so much about integrity, as well as Japanese culture, will be an important reference in my presentation. Simple lessons, so important to a child's character, kindly taught, DO last a lifetime! This is an important book for your child's library.

We bought this to go with our Five in a Row homeschool curriculum, but it became a favorite! The story of a little girl who breaks her new red clogs playing the "weather telling" game and the shame of telling her mother what happens almost convinces her to lie.

Purple House Press is reissuing A Pair of Red Clogs in the late fall of 2002! Same great story and pictures in a hardcover edition.

I found the book to be completely charming. It captures a universal childhood dilemma and the beauty of the relationship between a mother and her daughter within the context of the elegant Japanese culture. It goes without saying that the illustrations are beautiful. I don't know who enjoyed it more my six year old or me!

We used this book in our homeschool curriculum (FIAR). It includes traditional Japanese culture and a moral lesson(honesty) without being too "preach-y" about it. It gave us a lot to talk about. It is well written and illustrated. My 4yr old really enjoyed it-- I think older children would like it too.

This is my very favorite story from childhood. I'm disappointed in the condition of the jackets cover. It is scratched and rather dull. It is meant as a very special gift for my first niece and won't have time to ship it back for a replacement. Beautiful story, poor condition it arrived in.

My two boys, ages 2 and 5 love this book. Universal themes paired with beautiful Japanese art and poetry make it a winner.

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