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前言



中国有很多古老美丽的故事和传说，这些故事都充满了纯真的思想和深邃的人文气息，因此便构成了中华民族的精神象征之一，这些故事更巩固了中国人的同源意识。

在这套“幼学启蒙丛书”中，内容涵盖了大家所熟悉的民俗故事、神话故事、节日故事、名胜传说与古代名医、贤哲、名相、名将、帝王、智童、科学家、智谋、诗书故事等等，总计八十册。为了让孩子们了解祖先们活动的广阔天地和历代的政治变迁、科学发展与文学艺术上的成就，我们运用最精炼的文字与生动的插画，将其一一呈现给中国儿童，并使得这些久远的历史人物，轻松地进入儿童的思想领域，与他们的血脉相连接。

身为中国人，对中华民族的认知，就好像一个做儿女的，应该了解他的大家庭一样，如此他才会对这个家庭有感情、有责任。我们希望这套书的出版，能够引导孩子在人生记忆力最好的时候，去了解祖国历史的脉络、认同中华民族的生活轨迹与精神内涵，从而拥有高瞻远瞩的智慧，成为一个心胸开阔、人格健全的人。

“幼学启蒙丛书”，是为中国儿童编辑的，为这一套丛书撰稿和绘图的儿童文学工作者，都以传统文学和艺术观点来诠释中国古老的神话、传说和历史，我们希望这套丛书能为每一个中国家庭，每一个中国儿童所喜爱。

赵镇琬

Preface

China is a beautiful treasure-house of ancient tales and folklore. Here are stories filled with sincere reflection echoing the vast and deep spirit of our culture and civilization. These represent the best of Chinese culture—tales that uphold a people's sense of their common origin.


This collection of *First Books for Early Learning* offers stories familiar to all of us. Drawn from folklore and mythology, along with the origins of special days in the traditional calendar and of famous places, these eighty books also recall ancient physicians, philosophers and thinkers, figures famed for statecraft, generals, royalty, prodigies and scientists, remembered through tales of wisdom and great poetry.

To give Chinese children all over the world an understanding of their ancestors' lives, and the changes through the different ages of China's history, scientific development and achievements in arts and literature, we have brought together concise language with most vivid illustrations. These ancient historical figures also give inspiration and ideas to children to connect with their own roots.

As Chinese, we know Chinese history well as a son or a daughter knows his or her family. Only with such knowledge can one possess a depth of passion and a sense of responsibility. It is our wish that this collection will guide children at an early age to learn from the history of our nation and to identify with the social progress and philosophical spirit of the Chinese people. We hope our children will develop wider horizons of wisdom to become open-minded yet with a rooted outlook on life.

First Books for Early Learning was originally compiled in Chinese for the children of China. The writers and artists who contributed to this collection have used the perspective of traditional literature and arts to interpret Chinese mythology, legends and history. We hope this collection will be enjoyed by Chinese people—and, now in translation, also by people all over the world—and all children who want to learn more about China.

Zhao Zhenwan



你听过大禹的传说吗？大禹在舜去世以后，接过天下做了国君。他是历史上一位很有名望的帝王，立志要让百姓过上更加幸福美好的日子。



Have you ever heard the tales about Yu the Great? He succeeded to the throne after Shun's death. Determined to provide his people with a better life, Yu became a celebrated king in Chinese history.



可是，东海有一条黑蛟，却对禹恨之入骨。一连几十天大雨不止，到处沟满壕平，淹没了庄稼。这条黑蛟搅得东海波浪滔天，淹没了村庄。

But the Black Dragon of the Eastern Sea hated Yu so deeply, it stirred up waves in the sea. Because of this hateful creature, there were big rains for many months, until all the land, villages and crops were flooded.







但是大禹没有被黑蛟吓倒,他带领百姓疏通河道,修筑台田,经过八年时间,终于制服了洪水。大禹为了治水,曾三过家门而不入。

Yet Yu was not daunted. He led people to dredge up the rivers and build elevated fields. After eight years of effort, they eventually tamed the floods. During this period, Yu was so dedicated, he passed by his own home three times without entering even once.

那黑蛟见没有斗过大禹，很不甘心，纠集它的帮凶，发誓要倾尽东流之水，再一次把大地变成汪洋大海，淹掉历山，吞掉舜井，叫大禹死无葬身之地！刹那间，小山似的海浪滚滚而来，房屋、土地、树木又被冲毁、淹没。

Failing in its struggle with Yu, the Black Dragon was still loath to give up. He staged a comeback with more allies, swearing to use all the water in the ocean to turn the land again into a sea, to flood Mount Li and the wells dug by Shun, and to finally kill Yu. At once, waves as high as the hills rushed over toward the land, destroying many houses, farms and trees.





大禹面对黑蛟又一次制造的灾难，临危不惧。他一面组织百姓赶快往泰山转移，一面撑着木筏来到历山，寻找那兴风作浪的黑蛟。这一次他决心要除掉它，把百姓从洪水中拯救出来。

Facing yet another disaster brought on by the Black Dragon, Yu was not discouraged. He organized the people's journey to safety on Mount Tai, and then sailed on a raft to Mount Li in order to find the Black Dragon. This time, he was determined to get rid of it and save the people from floods.