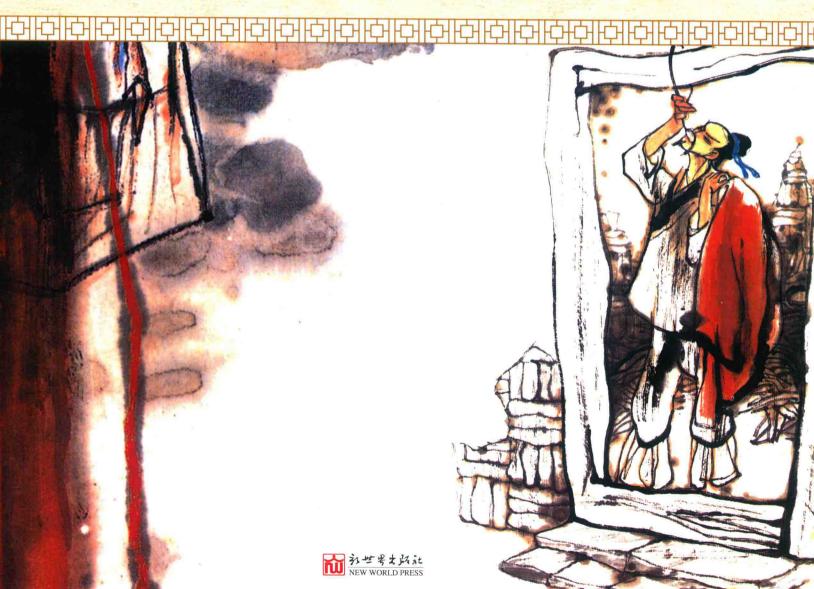


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# Brushwood for a Bed and Gall Juice for Flavor

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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,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,我们运用最精练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

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.



春秋末年,越国有一位杰出的国君,名叫勾践。在他当政的时候,越国与邻国吴国常发生战争。

有一次,吴国趁勾践的父亲发丧的机会,兴兵攻打。 越国军队在勾践的统率下,英勇抵抗,结果在檇李(今 浙江省嘉兴市)败了吴军,吴王阖闾也受伤死去。

At the end of the Spring and Autumn Period (770-476 BC), in the State of Yue, there was an outstanding king named Gou Jian. During his rule, the State of Yue fought many wars against its neighbor, the State of Wu.

Once, on seeing the occasion of the funeral of Gou Jian's father as an opportunity to invade, the State of Wu attacked. The Yue army under Gou Jian's leadership fought valiantly and defeated the Wu army in Zuili (today's Jiaxing City in Zhejiang Province). The King of Wu, He Lü, was wounded and eventually died.

阖闾死后,他的儿子夫差(chāi)即位为吴王。夫差 为报杀父之仇,日夜操练军队,准备再次攻打越国。勾 践听到消息后,企图先发制人,仓促兴师,进攻吴国。 结果越军大败。吴军乘胜追击,占领会稽(今浙江省绍 兴市),把勾践围困在会稽山上。

After King He Lü's death, his son Fu Chai was crowned King of Wu. Fu Chai was determined to avenge his father. He spiritedly trained his army day and night and prepared to launch a second attack on the State of Yue. After King Gou Jian learned of this, he attempted to stay one step ahead of King Fu Chai. In haste, without making due preparation, he invaded the State of Wu, such that his Yue army suffered a great loss. In their triumph, the Wu army chased King Gou Jian all the way to Kuaiji (today's Shaoxing City in Zhejiang Province). In the end they conquered Kuaiji and surrounded Mount Kuaiji, where King Gou Jian had fled.





勾践追悔莫及, 只好向吴王夫差求和。勾践作为越国的人质,被夫差带回吴国, 囚于阖闾墓旁边的一间石屋里, 给吴王喂马。

King Gou Jian greatly regretted his rash decision. He had no other option but to surrender to Fu Chai and plead for peace. King Fu Chai took Gou Jian hostage and returned to the State of Wu. Gou Jian was imprisoned in a small stone house beside King He Lü's tomb. He was also given the task of feeding King Fu Chai's horses.



夫差每次坐车出去,总是让勾践给他牵马或随行,使 勾践受尽了屈辱。

Each time King Fu Chai went out in his chariot, it was Gou Jian who would hold the reins of the horse and walk alongside. This ensured that Gou Jian was truly humiliated.



