



Summary

All the central characters in these folk tales are spirited females - decisive heroines of extraordinary courage, wit and achievement who set out to determine their own fate. Some of their stories are comic, some adventurous, some eerie and some magical. The 25 traditional tales come from Asia, Europe, India, Africa and the Americas; detailed information about their sources is given. "A sparkling gathering of traditional, yet little-known tales." (*Amazon.com*)