

Mulan A Story In Chinese And English

A thrilling paperback novelization that will take readers back inside the world of the upcoming Walt Disney Studios' live action Mulan film to relive the adventures with their favorite characters, old and new.

The New York Times best-selling author Grace Lin has penned a novel filled with adventure and wonder, set in a time before the upcoming Disney live-action film, Mulan.

Peopled by larger-than-life heroes and villains, charged with towering questions of good and evil, Atlas Shrugged is Ayn Rand's magnum opus: a philosophical revolution told in the form of an action thriller—nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read. Who is John Galt? When he says that he will stop the motor of the world, is he a destroyer or a liberator? Why does he have to fight his battles not against his enemies but against those who need him most? Why does he fight his hardest battle against the woman he loves? You will know the answer to these questions when you discover the reason behind the baffling events that play havoc with the lives of the amazing men and women in this book. You will discover why a productive genius becomes a worthless playboy...why a great steel industrialist is working for his own destruction...why a composer gives up his career on the night of his triumph...why a beautiful woman who runs a transcontinental railroad falls in love with the man she has sworn to kill. Atlas Shrugged, a modern classic and Rand's most extensive statement of Objectivism—her groundbreaking philosophy—offers the reader the spectacle of human greatness, depicted with all the poetry and power of one of the twentieth century's leading artists.

The story of Mulan, the young girl who joins the army to save

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her family and her country, is at least 1500 years old. Over the centuries, it has inspired dozens of poems, plays, novels, songs, and more recently, graphic novels, TV shows and films. The details of the story vary, but the core is always the same: a young girl living with her family in a small Chinese village learns that the army requires each family to contribute one man to fight invaders from the North. To save her elderly father she disguises herself as a young man and enlists in the army; she excels at fighting, strategy and leadership and rises through the ranks; the war ends successfully; she is recognized as a hero and is offered rewards by the Emperor; she declines the rewards and humbly chooses to return to her family and take up the traditional life of a village woman. This wonderful little book consists of just 30 six-line verses, and lets beginning students enjoy a great story while also learning to read Simplified Chinese. It is written in a 240-word vocabulary using fewer than 300 different characters. Proper nouns are underlined, and new words that are not in the HSK3 standard vocabulary are defined on the page where they first appear. Each page of Chinese also contains a pinyin (romanized spelling) version and an English translation. The pinyin is also useful for looking up word definitions in the glossary. A complete audiobook version is available free on YouTube and can also be downloaded from the [Imagin8 Press](#) website.

My First Book of Chinese Words

Mulan. The True Story

The Story of Mulan

Reflection

Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts

In ancient times under the reign of Yellow Emperor (about 2500 B.C.), people kept records

by piling stones and tying knots. One day, Cang Jie, a historical official who tied knots to keep records under Yellow Emperor, unexpectedly made a big mistake. Feeling very guilty, he was determined to find out a better way for keeping records. He went back to his hometown to think it over for many days and nights. Inspired by the footprints of animals, he began to carefully observe the sun, moon, stars, mountains, rivers, lakes, seas, as well as birds and animals. At the same time, he traveled around collecting signs created by fishermen, farmers, hunters and soldiers. In the end, he succeeded in creating Chinese characters, which are still widely used today. In this multicultural children's story, kids will find out that there is a story behind every Chinese character. Children will also learn about basic Chinese characters and how to make them. The legend of Mulan--the daughter who disguises herself as a man, dons her father's armor, and heads off to war in his place--remains one of the most popular Chinese folktales despite (or because of) its lack of supernatural demonstrations or interventions. This volume offers lively translations of the earliest recorded version of the legend and several later iterations of the tale (including the screenplay of the hugely successful 1939 Chinese film Mulan Joins the Army), illustrating the many ways that reinterpretations of this basic story reflect centuries of changes in Chinese cultural,

political, and sexual attitudes. An Introduction traces the evolution of the Mulan legend and its significance in the history of Chinese popular culture. Annotation explaining terms and references unfamiliar to Western readers, a glossary, and a comprehensive bibliography further enhance the value of this volume for both scholars and students.

More than 800,000 copies in print! From the author of critically acclaimed and bestselling memoir *Falling Leaves*, this is a poignant and moving true account of her childhood, growing up as an unloved daughter in 1940s China. A Chinese proverb says, "Falling leaves return to their roots." In her own courageous voice, Adeline Yen Mah returns to her roots to tell the story of her painful childhood and her ultimate triumph in the face of despair. Adeline's affluent, powerful family considers her bad luck after her mother dies giving birth to her, and life does not get any easier when her father remarries. Adeline and her siblings are subjected to the disdain of her stepmother, while her stepbrother and stepsister are spoiled with gifts and attention. Although Adeline wins prizes at school, they are not enough to compensate for what she really yearns for -- the love and understanding of her family. Like the classic Cinderella story, this powerful memoir is a moving story of resilience and hope. Includes an Author's Note, a 6-page photo insert, a historical note, and the Chinese

text of the original Chinese Cinderella. A PW BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR AN ALA-YALSA BEST BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS "One of the most inspiring books I have ever read." -The Guardian From China-based publisher Shanghai Press, this book recounts the legend of Mulan and her bravery through beautiful Chinese ink paintings. Though we all know the beloved Disney retelling, the original story of Mulan comes from a folktale from China's Northern Dynasty (439-589) about the unusual tale of an ordinary girl named Fa Mulan. One day, the government drafted Mulan's father into the army. However, he was too old. Mulan didn't have an older brother and the younger one was not old enough to be a soldier, so she decided to disguise herself as a man and joined the army in place of her father, hoping her secret wouldn't be exposed. Her excellent martial arts skills always put her on the front lines of every battle. During the 12 years she was in the army, she made great contributions and won admiration from her unit of soldiers. After the war, the emperor honored generals and soldiers, rewarding them with status and money; Mulan didn't care about either. All she wanted was a horse to take her home as soon as possible. Once home, Mulan changed her armor into a dress and fixed her hair in an elegant hairstyle. She came out and thanked her unit for accompanying her home. It's safe to say, she had fooled them all. Mulan

Mulan's Legend and Legacy in China and the United States

Butterfly Lovers

Mulan, Woman Warrior

A Mulan Discovery Book

Zhongguo Gudai Nu Ying Xiong (A Heroine of Ancient China)

A retelling of the original Chinese poem in which a brave young girl masquerades as a boy and fights the Tartars in the Khan's army.

CHINA, 484 A.D. A Warrior in Disguise All her life, Mulan has trained for one purpose: to win the duel that every generation in her family must fight. If she prevails, she can reunite a pair of priceless heirloom swords separated decades earlier, and avenge her father, who was paralyzed in his own duel. Then a messenger from the Emperor arrives, demanding that all families send one soldier to fight the Rouran invaders in the north. Mulan ' s father cannot go. Her brother is just a child. So she ties up her hair, takes up her sword, and joins the army as a man. A War for a Dynasty Thanks to her martial arts skills, Mulan is chosen for an elite team under the command of the princeling—the royal duke ' s son, who is also the handsomest man she ' s ever seen. But the princeling has secrets of his own, which explode into Mulan ' s life and shake up everything she knows. As they cross the Great Wall to face the enemy beyond, Mulan and the princeling must find

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a way to unwind their past, unmask a traitor, and uncover the plans for the Rouran invasion...before it ' s too late. Inspired by wuxia martial-arts dramas as well as the centuries-old ballad of Mulan, *The Magnolia Sword* is a thrilling, romantic, and sharp-edged novel that lives up to its beloved heroine. *Mulan A Story in Chinese and English* Shanghai Press Lambda Literary Award Finalist! Two-time Hugo Award Finalist! Locus Award Finalist! "Magnificent in every way."—Samantha Shannon, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree* "A dazzling new world of fate, war, love and betrayal."—Zen Cho, author of *Black Water Sister She Who Became the Sun* reimagines the rise to power of the Ming Dynasty ' s founding emperor. To possess the Mandate of Heaven, the female monk Zhu will do anything " I refuse to be nothing... " In a famine-stricken village on a dusty yellow plain, two children are given two fates. A boy, greatness. A girl, nothingness... In 1345, China lies under harsh Mongol rule. For the starving peasants of the Central Plains, greatness is something found only in stories. When the Zhu family ' s eighth-born son, Zhu Chongba, is given a fate of greatness, everyone is mystified as to how it will come to pass. The fate of nothingness received by the family ' s clever and capable second daughter, on the other hand, is only as expected. When a bandit attack orphans the two children, though, it is Zhu Chongba who succumbs

to despair and dies. Desperate to escape her own fated death, the girl uses her brother's identity to enter a monastery as a young male novice. There, propelled by her burning desire to survive, Zhu learns she is capable of doing whatever it takes, no matter how callous, to stay hidden from her fate. After her sanctuary is destroyed for supporting the rebellion against Mongol rule, Zhu takes the chance to claim another future altogether: her brother's abandoned greatness. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Fa Mulan

Heroism and Gender in War Films

A Twisted Tale

A Retelling of "The Ballad of Mulan"

Legend of the Milky Way

Chinese Cinderella

Once upon a time, a long time ago, there lived a girl in ancient China named Mulan. Mulan's father was a retired general. He had come home sick and frail. He was too old to fight, but not too old to teach Mulan how to ride a horse and use a sword. Girls usually did not learn these skills. But Mulan's father believed everyone should know how to fight, even girls.

This book tells of the inspirational story of Hua Mulan, the legendary Chinese female warrior who pledges to fight for her family and country in the most unusual way: by disguising herself as a man – a filial "son" who takes the place of her aged and sick father at the battlefield. Quick

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witted and well-skilled in martial arts, Hua Mulan fights valiantly and scores many victories throughout her many years in the army, never once having her real identity revealed. It is only until after the war, however, that our heroine reveals the truth. Stunned by the revelation and greatly moved by her story, Mulan's comrades express the utmost respect and admiration for her great courage and skills, not least her loyalty and devotion to family and country. The story of Hua Mulan has inspired countless generations through the centuries. With stirring and unforgettable scenes brought vividly to life by creators Xu Deyuan and Jiang Wei, this comic book captures the legendary Chinese heroine at her most brilliant, ensuring that the legend of Mulan, that most enduring symbol of loyalty and filial piety, continues to live on.

Each Disney Princess gets her own story in this wonderful line of books that contain original tales and beautiful color illustrations throughout. Original.

What if Mulan had to travel to the Underworld? When Captain Shang is mortally wounded by Shan Yu in battle, Mulan must travel to the Underworld, Diyu, in order to save him from certain death. But King Yama, the ruler of Diyu, is not willing to give Shang up easily. With the help of Shang's great lion guardian ShiShi, Mulan must traverse Diyu to find Shang's spirit, face harrowing obstacles, and leave by sunrise--or become King Yama's prisoner forever. Moreover, Mulan is still disguised as the soldier called Ping, wrestling with the decision to reveal her true identity to her closest friend. Will Mulan be able to save Shang before it's too late? Will he ever be able to trust her again? Or will she lose him--and be lost in the Underworld--forever?

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The Magnolia Sword

Mulan's Lunar New Year (Disney)

Reading Planet - Mulan and Other Legendary Chinese Tales

- Level 8: Fiction (Supernova)

Hua Mulan

The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter

Before the Sword (Disney: Mulan)

NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD

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this book, the acclaimed author created an entirely new form—an exhilarating blend of autobiography and mythology,

of world and self, of hot rage and cool analysis. First published in 1976, it

has become a classic in its innovative portrayal of multiple and intersecting

identities—immigrant, female, Chinese, American. “A classic, for a reason” –

Celeste Ng via Twitter As a girl,

Kingston lives in two confounding

worlds: the California to which her

parents have immigrated and the China

of her mother’s “talk stories.” The

fierce and wily women warriors of her

mother’s tales clash jarringly with the

harsh reality of female oppression out

of which they come. Kingston’s sense of

self emerges in the mystifying gaps in

these stories, which she learns to fill

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with stories of her own. A warrior of words, she forges fractured myths and memories into an incandescent whole, achieving a new understanding of her family's past and her own present.

"Once upon a Time" Is Timeless Wielding a sword as deftly as an embroidery needle, Mulan is unlike any other girl in China. When the emperor summons a great army, each family must send a male to fight. Tomboyish Mulan is determined to spare her aging father and bring her family honor, so she disguises herself and answers the call. But Mulan never expects to find a friend, let alone a soul mate, in the commander of her division, Prince Jian. For all of Mulan's courage with a bow and arrow, is she brave enough to share her true identity and feelings with Prince Jian?

Retells the Chinese legend of the Weaver Princess who came down from heaven to marry a mortal, a love story represented in the stars of the Milky Way.

A bilingual folktale, based on a poem from the Song Dynasty, in which a young girl disguises herself as a man and

leads the army of China to victory against the enemy.

Five Versions of a Classic Chinese Legend, with Related Texts

Cang Jie, The Inventor of Chinese Characters

Explore China

A Disney Editions Classic

Hua Mu Lan de Gushi (The Legend of Mu Lan)

Legendary Woman Warrior

Mulan is different. Shes not quite as graceful as the other girls in her village, nor is she as good at weaving as her little sister. She gets distracted when her dad teaches her calligraphy, and sometimes all shed like to do is ride her horse or stare up at the clouds. It's trueMulan doesnt always fit in. But with the help of those she loves, she finds that maybe shes just been looking in the wrong places. Celebrate the brand-new Disney live action film, Mulan, with this picture book filled with enchanting illustrations.

Follow the fearless hero on a quest to save China for the second time in story that is interwoven with pages from Mulan's own journal. An assassination attempt is made on the Emperor of China's life. Under the backdrop of the beautiful Spring Festival, Mulan must go undercover as the guest of honor at the Imperial Palace to protect the

emperor. When danger presents itself in the shadows and in plain sight, everyone is a suspect. Between his family, guards, counselors, and a deadly organization called The Golden Tiger--Mulan must figure out who among them is plotting treason. And in between all the commotion, Mulan must also find a balance between being a celebrated hero and staying true to herself. In this graphic novel, pages from Mulan's own journal are woven into the adventure! As you follow the tale, you will read her thoughts as she travels from her village to the Imperial Palace, from sunrise, to sunset. Beautiful watercolor illustrations fill her journal, giving you a glimpse into the human, the warrior, the woman, Mulan, like you've never seen her before!

Welcome to ancient China! Join Mulan, her family, and friends as you explore the history and culture of this great civilization. How long is the Great Wall of China? What amazing contributions did the Chinese people make in science, technology, and the arts? What traditions are still practiced in China today? Embark on a journey of discovery with your friends from Mulan, and learn about China's dynasties, flora and fauna, martial arts, and so much more! The story of Mulan, the young girl who enlists in the army to save her family and her country, is at least 1500 years old. Over the centuries, it has inspired dozens of poems, plays, novels, songs, and more

recently, graphic novels, TV shows and films. The details of the story vary widely, but the core is always the same: a young girl living with her family in a small Chinese village learns that the army requires each family to contribute one man to fight invaders from the North. To save her elderly father she disguises herself as a young man and enlists in the army; she excels at fighting and leadership and rises through the ranks; the war ends successfully, she is recognized as a hero and is offered rewards by the Emperor; she declines the rewards and humbly chooses to return to her family and take up the traditional life of a village woman. In this wonderful little book, beginning students can read a great story while also learning to read Chinese. The story is told with only 280 different words and 331 characters, most of which are in the standard HSK-3 vocabulary list. Proper nouns are underlined, and new words are defined on the page where they first appear. Each page of Chinese also contains a pinyin (romanized spelling) version. This helps beginning readers by letting them sound out the words instead of having to recognize each character. The pinyin is also useful for looking up word definitions in the glossary. And there's an English translation at the end.

*Mulan, Woman Warrior (Full Color Version)
Wild Orchid*

*An Easy-To-Read Story in Simplified Chinese
and Pinyin, 280 Word Vocabulary Level*

The Legend of the Woman Warrior

The Woman Warrior

She Who Became the Sun

The legend of Mulan and her bravery is captured in this beautifully illustrated Chinese children's book. Mulan is a folk story from China's Northern Dynasty (439-589) about the unusual tale of an ordinary girl named Fa Mulan. This book is illustrated based on the original ballad, which depicts her bravery through Chinese ink paintings. A long time ago in China, there lived a young girl named Mulan. Her father was a retired general who taught her many skills girls weren't normally allowed to learn, like martial arts, archery, sword play and how to ride a horse. One day, soldiers came to Mulan's village. They told everyone China was in danger, and that a man from each family must join the army and fight. Mulan was terribly upset. Her father was too old, but was honor-bound to fight. If only she had been born a boy! That night, Mulan came up with a plan to save the honor of her family and her father's life. Early the next morning, disguised as a boy, Mulan took a horse and her father's armor before leaving to join the army. No one recognized her, and Mulan was very careful to never let anyone know she was really a girl. Mulan's bravery, courage and the skills she learned from her father helped her to succeed. Over twelve years, Mulan fought against the threat to China before finally helping to win the war. When she was offered a reward from the emperor for her incredible courage, Mulan instead asked for a horse so she could return home to her family. Mulan's family was so happy to see her! And there, for the first time in twelve years, Mulan exchanged her armor for a dress, fixed her hair into an elegant girl's hairstyle and joined her family, a beautiful young woman once again.

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The Art of Mulan was only Jeff Kurtti's fourth published work,

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and one of which he remains enormously proud. He is honored to see this important and significant story in print again for new generations, along with some stunning additional visual development artwork and new foreword by Thomas Schumacher. Inspired by a two-thousand-year-old Chinese legend, *Mulan* was the first animated feature film to be primarily produced by Disney's animation studio at Walt Disney World in Florida. This was a dazzling array of talented and dedicated filmmakers who specialized in traditional hand-drawn animation and collaborated on the musical segment "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" in *The Lion King* (1994), shorts ranging from the Roger Rabbit cartoon *Tummy Trouble* (1989) to the legendary folktale *John Henry* (2000), and feature films such as *Lilo & Stitch* (2002). *The Art of Mulan* reveals the story behind the making of the film in this distinct place and at this particular time, both of which bridge the Disney animation renaissance of the 1990s and the sensibilities of today's Walt Disney Animation Studios. Like the film's heroine, the Disney artists who created *Mulan* made a journey of self-discovery that began with a momentous decision: to make a modern film adapted from an ancient Chinese source. *The Art of Mulan* chronicles their efforts to remain faithful to the spirit of the original legend and the traditions of the Chinese culture, while at the same time make it accessible for an international audience approaching the end of the second millennium. Their words reveal their passion while more than 350 stunning color and black-and-white illustrations showcase their brilliance, all clear reminders of why *Mulan* has become a fan favorite of so many who grew up with it.

This book is meant to uncover the unknown secret of the true *Mulan*'s story: that she was not a Chinese person, but a representative of the semi-nomadic people called Tuoba/Tabgachi with its origin in the Great Eurasian Steppe.

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This side of the story was never told before like it is in this book. The author attempted to write this story as a historical reconstruction true to the original story as it was told in the Ballad of Mulan, and based on his scientific research.

The Daughter and the Warrior

Mulan Live Action Novelization

A Ballad of Mulan

Disney Mulan's Adventure Journal: The Palace of Secrets

The Art of Mulan

Mulan's Story

My First Book of Chinese Words introduces young children to basic words and concepts in the Chinese language through colorful rhymes and beautiful imagery. It is a book that parents and young children will enjoy reading together. The Chinese words in the book are all common, everyday items, and the rhymes are informative and fun for children. The goal of My First Book of Chinese Words is to familiarize children with the basic sounds and written characters of Chinese, to introduce core concepts of Chinese culture and to illustrate the ways in which Chinese sounds differ from English ones. Teachers and parents will welcome the cultural notes at the back of the book and appreciate how the book is organized using a familiar ABC structure. Each word is presented in Chinese characters (both Simplified and Traditional) as well as Romanized Pinyin for easy pronunciation. With the help of this book, we hope more children (and adults)

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will soon join the more than one billion people worldwide who speak Chinese!

Mulan is a curious, clever young girl with a love for adventure and learning. But there is no greater love than the one she has for her family. She will do anything for them—even if it means joining the army disguised as a man in her father's place. In battle, Mulan must find her bravery and her strength to become the legendary woman warrior she is destined to be. In this retelling of The Ballad of Mulan, the Chinese folktale comes to life through striking full-color illustrations. Readers will cheer for our hero in this classic story of courage, persistence, and standing up for what one believes in.

It's the Lunar New Year and it happens to be Mulan's favourite festival! There is a lot to do to prepare for this important celebration and for the first time, Mulan is old enough to help out. But everything Mulan does seems to turn out wrong... Follow along with Mulan in this special Lunar New Year story that captures the unique sense of magic, imagination and possibility that surrounds the holiday!

Filmic constructions of war heroism have a profound impact on public perceptions of conflicts. Here, contributors examine the ways motifs of gender and heroism in war films are

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used to justify ideological positions, shape the understanding of the military conflicts, support political agendas and institutions, and influence collective memory.

An Easy-To-Read Story in Traditional Chinese and Pinyin, 240 Word Vocabulary Level

An ABC Rhyming Book

I Am Hua Mulan

A Story in English and Chinese

An Easy-To-Read Story in Simplified Chinese and Pinyin, 240 Word Vocabulary Level

Atlas Shrugged

Princess Mulan shares the incredible tale of how she risked her life for her father and bravely fought to save the Chinese empire in this full-color storybook based on Disney Mulan. Live-action film release March 2020.

Legend of Hua Mu Lan who goes to war disguised as a man to save the family honor and becomes a great general.

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Traditional Chinese edition of Mulan: The Story of Mulan

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A Place for Mulan (Disney: Live Action Picture Book)

Mulan, the warrior maiden who performed heroic deeds in battle while dressed as a male soldier, has had many incarnations from her first appearance as a heroine in an ancient Chinese folk ballad. Mulan's story was retold for

centuries, extolling the filial virtue of the young woman who placed her father's honor and well-being above her own. With the publication of Maxine Hong Kingston's *The Woman Warrior* in the late 1970s, Mulan first became familiar to American audiences who were fascinated with the extraordinary Asian American character. Mulan's story was recast yet again in the popular 1998 animated Disney film and its sequel. In *Mulan's Legend and Legacy in China and the United States*, Lan Dong traces the development of this popular icon and asks, "Who is the real Mulan?" and "What does authenticity mean for the critic looking at this story?" Dong charts this character's literary voyage across historical and geographical borders, discussing the narratives and images of Mulan over a long time span—from premodern China to the contemporary United States to Mulan's counter-migration back to her homeland. As Dong shows, Mulan has been reinvented repeatedly in both China and the United States so that her character represents different agendas in each retelling—especially after she reached the western hemisphere. The dutiful and loyal daughter, the fierce, pregnant warrior, and the feisty teenaged heroine—each is Mulan representing an idea about female virtue at a particular time and place.

Once there was a time, when ten gleaming hot suns stood high in the sky. These burning spheres of gas and dust were the sons of the Jade Emperor, over whom he had lost all control ... Mulan and Other Legendary Chinese Tales

brings together four inspiring tales of love, loss, betrayal, courage, conflict and loyalty. Travel with us beyond the Black Mountains, you'll see one girl's courage as she breaks tradition and shows us the importance of being true to ourselves, we'll cross the bridge of magpies over the Heavenly River and discover how one family's devotion softened the Jade Emperor's heart. You may even meet a colourful caterpillar along the way and learn how a man with the head of a dog marries a princess. Mulan and other Legendary Chinese Tales is part of the Reading Planet range of books for Stars (Lime) to Supernova (Red+) band. Children aged 7-11 will be inspired to love reading through the gripping stories and fascinating information books created by top authors. Reading Planet books have been carefully levelled to support children in becoming fluent and confident readers. Each book features useful notes and questions to support reading at home and develop comprehension skills. Reading age: 10-11 years

A girl retells the story of the legendary female warrior she admires, who long ago fought bravely to protect her people. Hua Mulan learned to ride horses and fight with a spear from her father. When her people were under attack, the army needed more men. To spare her ailing father, Mulan disguised herself as a man and rode off to war. Mulan's bravery and skills won her wide acclaim, but her true identity was never revealed. When the war ended, Mulan returned home to find her family safe and happy.