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Tikki Tikki Tembo



Synopsis

Tikki tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo! Three decades and more than one million copies later children still love hearing about the boy with the long name who fell down the well. Arlene Mosel and Blair Lent's classic re-creation of an ancient Chinese folktale has hooked legions of children, teachers, and parents, who return, generation after generation, to learn about the danger of having such an honorable name as Tikki tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo. Tikki Tikki Tembo is the winner of the 1968 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Picture Books.

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Customer Reviews

If you haven't already read Tikki Tikki Tembo, you've probably heard at least someone recite the deliriously long name of its protagonist: Tikki tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo, by now a famous refrain in most nursery schools. In this beautiful edition--complete with line and wash illustrations by artist Blair Lent--Arlene Mosel retells an old Chinese folktale about how the people of China came to give their children short names after traditionally giving their "first and honored" sons grand, long names. Tikki tikki tembo (which means "the most wonderful thing in the whole wide world") and his brother Chang (which means "little or nothing") get into trouble with a

well, are saved by the Old Man with the Ladder, and change history while they're at it. Tikki Tikki Tembo is a perfect book to read aloud, but don't be surprised if you find yourself joining the ranks of its chanting followers. (Picture book) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this folktale, help is slow in coming when a Chinese boy falls into a well, since the boy's long and difficult name must be pronounced in full. Beautifully expressive drawings enhance the book's Oriental feel. Ages 4-7. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

When I was a child I loved this book so I knew I had to purchase it to read to my children. My daughter has memorized Tikki Tikki's full name and enjoys reciting it with me. This is a classic book! The moral of the story may be a little politically incorrect these days but I don't dwell on that part and if a parent wanted to, they can skip that last page. It's such a fun book to read.

This is my favorite book that use to be read to me when I was in Crook County Elementary School as a third grader. For their Smart reading program. An older women named Mrs. Woodward would read it to me to help me through my struggles. I miss her very much.

This book is a classic! I remember reading this book when I was younger and now as an expectant mother I want to continue a similar tradition with my son and when I came across the book and the great deal I just had to buy it.

This is one of the best books I have read to my grandsons. Had it for my daughter and her sons love it!! Some of the traditions need to be explained to the kids, but good for them to learn about others.

Loved this book as a kid and love it now. Buying it with great pleasure for the grandkids--I used to lose my breath when I would hear the number 2 son start trying to say his brother's name.

A nice story about 2 brother's and Tiki Tiki Tembo is short for his name in the book. He also falls in a well and tried to tell his mom but was out of breath from repeating his very long name. This book is a classic. Any questions please ask and helpful votes are much appreciated, thank you.

Not for little girls. My granddaughter did not like it. I'm thinking I may have liked it more than my children when they were younger. I just liked the rhythmic name of Tikki Tikki Tembo.

An entertaining perspective of Chinese cultural history. We read this book frequently and the kids tore pages out, so I bought a second copy. Not sure why social justice warriors get so butthurt about this book. It's a good kids story.

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