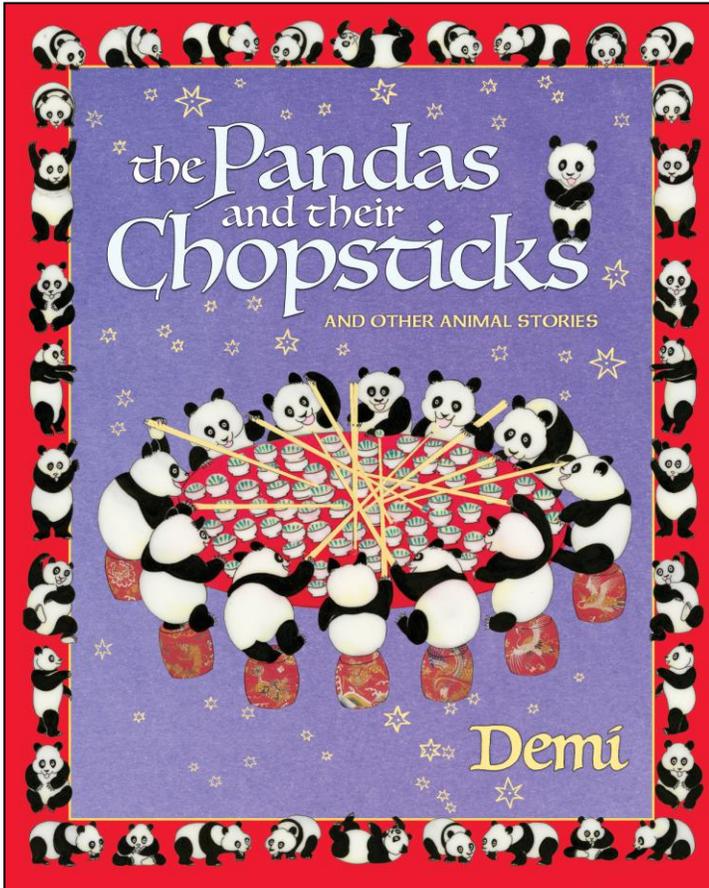


# *The Pandas and Their Chopsticks: And Other Animal Stories*

*Written and Illustrated by Demi*



Eating bamboo shoots with chopsticks three feet long? Impossible, you say. Not if you are a playful panda and learn to share and work together with your friends! In her beautifully illustrated new book, award-winning author, Demi, presents:

- ❖ Ten classic animal fables containing cunning kitties, helpful hummingbirds, talkative turtles, and hasty hedgehogs
- ❖ Magical illustrations and whimsical storytelling that bring the fables beautifully to life
- ❖ Valuable moral lessons for young hearts and minds, like the importance of being humble, kind, and generous

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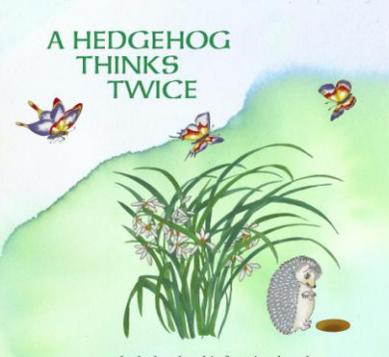


# Selections from the Book



## THE PANDAS AND THEIR CHOPSTICKS

Once there was a very curious panda. One day, he was walking home. As he passed through a village, he heard angry sounds. They came from a big room, so he looked in the window. Inside, he saw a large group of pandas. They sat around a huge table. They growled and snapped at each other. On the table there were many dishes of bamboo shoots—a panda's favorite food! Beside each panda was a pair of chopsticks. But the chopsticks were three feet long! The pandas got madder and hungrier every minute. The curious panda saw why: Not one could figure out how to eat with those very long chopsticks!

## A HEDGEHOG THINKS TWICE

A hedgehog lost his favorite shovel. He was sure the thief was the hedgehog who lived next door. Everything about my neighbor proves he has stolen the shovel, thought the hedgehog. Just look at the way he scurries about and listen to all the noises he makes!

A little while later the suspicious hedgehog went to the garden for some turnips. He was surprised to find his shovel right where he had forgotten it! Then when he looked at his neighbor again, nothing about him looked like a thief.

*Be very careful with your thoughts. They can make false things seem true.*




## THE FOX WHO WAS KING OF THE FOREST

One day a tiger was hunting in the forest. He caught a fox and was ready to eat him. But the fox quickly said, "You must not eat me. I am the King of the Forest. Don't you know of my incredible powers? Come with me. Let me show you how the animals fear me!"

All the other animals saw the fox coming. But behind him they also saw the huge tiger. Terrified, they ran away as fast as they could. "I see what you mean," said the tiger. "I'd better find something else to eat." And away he hurried.

*The weaker you are, the smarter you have to be.*



Praise for *The*

## *Pandas and Their Chopsticks*

“Award-winning author-illustrator Demi (*The Empty Pot*) brings her considerable artistic skill to this collection of 10 animal stories. Themes of generosity, humility, and cooperation are presented through the antics of pandas, hedgehogs, hummingbirds, and turtles. Most of the tales unfold in a single illustrated spread, ending with a moral, set in italics. . . . Rich in color and pattern, with distinctive, whimsical borders that feature the animals mentioned in the stories, they will certainly draw the eye of young readers. . . . The moral associated with each tale could be used as a teaching tool for parents or caregivers who want to discuss, or encourage, these qualities.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Aesop meets Confucius in *The Pandas and Their Chopsticks: and Other Animal Stories*, a blend of classic Chinese proverbs, Indian jatakas, and traditional fables. Demi’s spirited animal friends will help children discover, among other things, the joys of being humble, generous, and helpful. Beginning readers will appreciate the brevity of each tale, and the detailed borders will captivate when the stories are read aloud. *The Pandas and Their Chopsticks* is a versatile collection that would work well for independent reading and group sharing.”

—*ForeWord Reviews*

“Each of these 10 fables (nine are about animals and one about a river flowing into the ocean) includes a moral or proverb worthy of discussion. . . . Demi’s signature motifs are used generously, often in the faint patterns filling many of the mainly pastel backgrounds. Borders around the illustrated pages are filled with gesturing, parading, and cavorting animals from the particular tales.”

—*School Library Journal*

## About the Author & Illustrator



Demi is the award-winning author of over 130 bestselling children’s books, including *Jesus, Mary, Buddha, The Fantastic Adventures of Krishna, Rumi, St. Francis of Assisi, The Dalai Lama*, and *The Legend of Saint Nicholas*. Her titles have sold over half a million copies. *The Empty Pot* was selected by former First Lady Barbara Bush as one of the books to be read on the ABC Radio Network Program *Mrs. Bush’s Story Time*, sponsored by the Children’s Literacy Initiative. Demi’s book *Gandhi* was named a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book and received an Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award, while her book on the Prophet of Islam, *Muhammad*, was named a *Kirkus* Editors’ Choice Award. Major exhibitions of her work have been held in numerous museums in the US, including the Time/Life Gallery

in New York, the Botolph Galleries in Boston and Cambridge, and the Los Angeles County Museum. In addition, she represented the United States at the First International Children’s Book Conference in Beijing, China. She lives with her husband in Yarrow Point, WA.