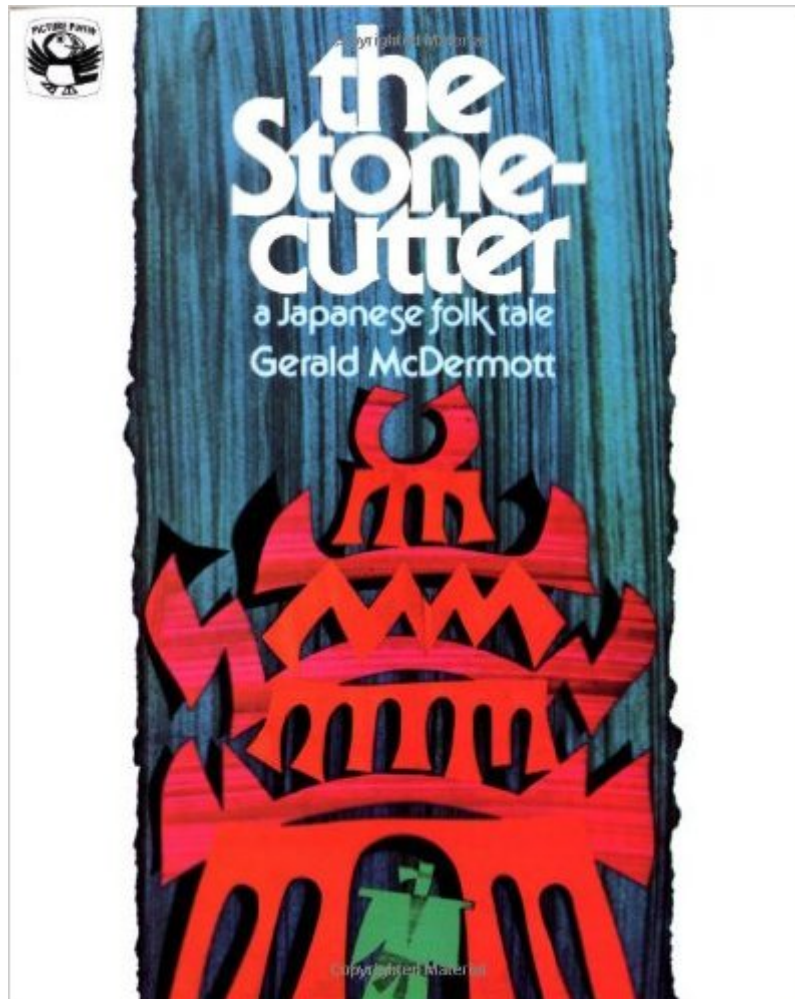


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# The Stonecutter: A Japanese Folk Tale (Picture Puffin Books)



## Synopsis

Relates the consequences of a stonecutter's foolish longing for power.

## Book Information

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Series: Picture Puffin Books

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Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (5 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 6 and up

Grade Level: 1 - Preschool

## Customer Reviews

Because I teach Humanities classes on various levels, I am always on the lookout for engaging resources that can bring the subjects of myth, legends, and folklore to life. Just browsing, I happened upon this little book, and I must say that it is impressive for the universal messages it conveys about humility, gratitude, envy, temptation, status, power, ambition, and the cycles of these things. Ambition can take one far--to great heights even, but sometimes it can take one way too far, which the main character, Tasaku discovers. One major theme of the text is "Be careful what you wish for because it may come true, and if it does, there is a moment of choice---how to handle the gift that has been given." Another parallel theme is "with great power comes greater responsibility, especially for one's own actions." Running throughout the tale is the very Taoistic notion of "the Virtue of the Small." The smallest creatures can affect great / significant change--a little piece at a time--if they are just aware of themselves and if they embrace who and what they are. (For more reading about the Virtue of the Small, seek out B. Hoff's *The Te of Piglet* book.) The images of The



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