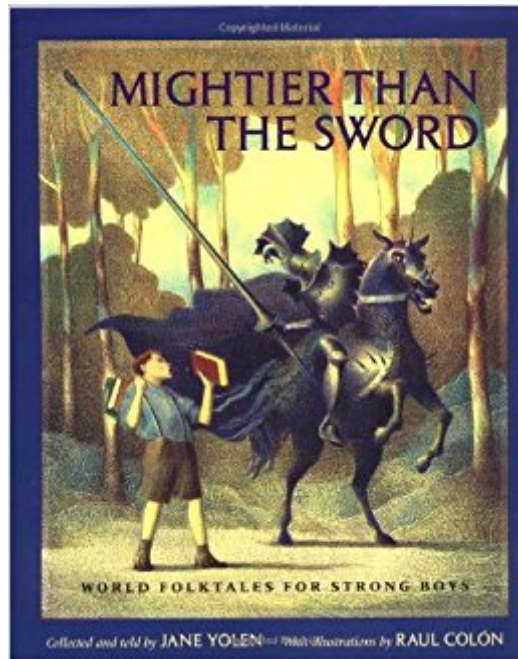




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Mightier Than The Sword: World Folktales For Strong Boys



Synopsis

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I love this book, although it's a little too old for my son still. I am very happy to find a book of stories for boys where the focus is more on good sense than aggression.

Hard to get kids to read now when books are not as exciting as video games to kids. is always such a help in finding age appropriate books for my grandkids on subjects to grab their attention.

Looks ok.

I really enjoyed this selection of stories about smart, strong boys and give it as a gift every chance I get. I finally had to admit that it's more suitable for the 9-year-old than the 3-year-old.

A great book every boy between 8 and 12 should read! As well as its counterpart, Not One Damsel in Distress.

good author.

These folktales are a pleasure to read aloud. Jane Yolen has collected trickster tales and clever boy

stories from around the world, and Raul Colon's illustrations are heavenly. Also Check out his illustrations in "Pandora" by Robert Burleigh -- amazing! 15 stories, lots of action. Your kids will love when you read these to them. *****Now about the smug pacifism that Jane Yolen proclaims...I glued the "Open Letter" commentary from Jane Yolen shut -- give me a break. I'm a mom. I am raising a household of boys. Part of being a boy is knowing how and when to stand up for what is right... and sometimes that means brains *and* brawn. Oh, yes. We're a military family. Why do military Daddies have to deploy? Because, in the words of Kenny Rogers, "Sometimes you gotta fight when you're a man." It's easy to self-actualize when grim young men in faraway places stand ready to bleed and die to keep you safe. Please think of heroes like them, too. *****Hang on a second while I climb down off my high horse... There. We love these stories. Your kids will love them, too.

This is an excellent collection of folktales featuring heroes who overcome adversity using their wits rather than brute force. My six-year-old son absolutely loves this book, his favourite story is The Devil with Three Golden Hairs, but he loves them all. I enjoy reading most of the stories to him myself, though I admit I found a couple of them a little dull, but most of them are wonderful. The stories come from many different cultures, but all feature clever, likeable heroes. This book should appeal to any boy with imagination.

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