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Guide to Two volumes of Chinese stories, undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Two volumes of Chinese stories
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.MS364394
Extent:	2 Volumes (accordion-fold books with wooden boards and hand-colored illustrations; 5.25 x 7.5 inches; 6.25 x 8.5 inches)
Language:	Chinese and English.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Two volumes of Chinese stories
Container:	Box 364394, Item 1-2; Box 364394, Item 1-2

Administrative Information

Provenance

Vorda Honnold donated the books and other objects to the Department of Anthropology in 1989 (Accession 364394). The books were transferred from the object collections of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives in 1989.

Related Materials

Related objects are held by the Department of Anthropology in Accession 364394.

Preferred Citation

Two volumes of Chinese stories (MS 364394), National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of (2) two undated volumes of Chinese stories with English translations. The volumes have beveled wooden covers with the Chinese character for happiness carved and painted green on the front covers.

The volume entitled "The Story of Tea" measures 5.25 x 7.5 inches and contains 12 color illustrations depicting the process of harvesting, drying, and packaging tea.

The volume entitled "P'ang Tao (Flat Peaches) Eight Fairies Festival" measures 6.25 x 8.5 inches and contains 10 accounts of fairies occurring in Chinese folklore, with a color illustration of each fairy.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Local Numbers

NAA MS 364,394

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Fairies
- Folklore
- Tea

Types of Materials:

- Books
- Works of art

Places:

- China
- East Asia