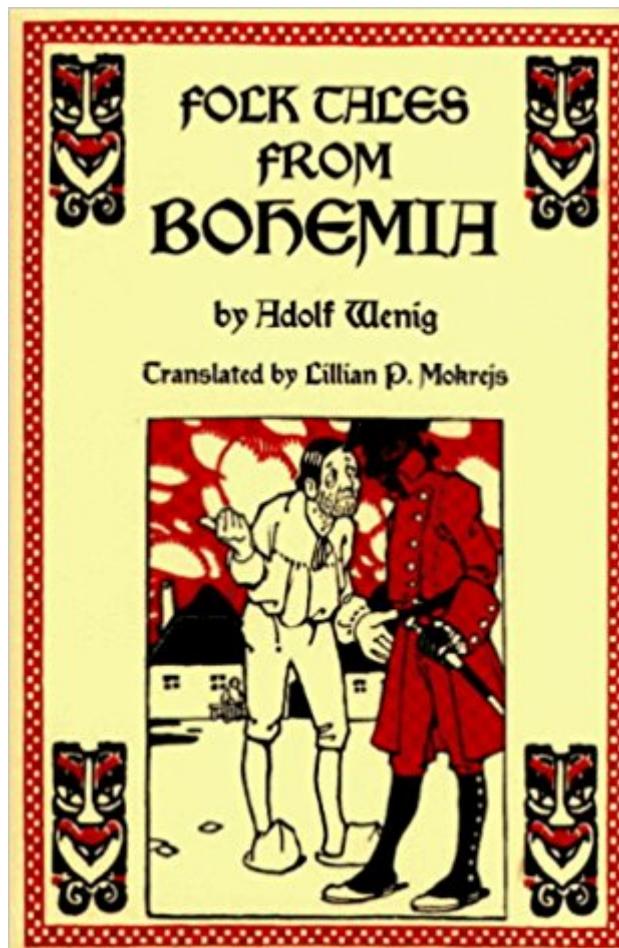


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# Folk Tales From Bohemia



## **Synopsis**

This collection of folk tales focuses on humankind's struggle with evil in the world, particularly naughty devils. In Bohemia it seems that the Devil is a rather delightful old fellow, a little slow to be sure, a little ill-natured, but far from the arch fiend of the more western parts of Europe, and a far more agreeable companion for boys and girls. One story relates how a clever soldier captures a trio of mischievous devils in his knapsack. Another is the tale of a journeyman who captures an angry devil in a mill-wheel, turning him round and round in the water. In each of the nine tales, simple peasants outwit devils at every turn, and the stories of the amazing pranks they play on him which will delight readers young and old.

## **Book Information**

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Originally published in 1923 by Houghton Mifflin Company, this group of folktales center on evil, and especially on devils. Since Bohemian peasants are very shrewd, they can time and again defeat the devils. One man fooled the devil so badly that he brought the man a bag of gold. His fellow devils convinced him to come back and wrestle with the peasant for it. The peasant had the devil wrestle with the peasant's "grandfather" --an old bear. When the other devils insisted their friend go back

and try a race, the peasant had the devil race his "son"--a rabbit. Defeated once more, the devil resisted going back to earth again, but was talked into a whistling match in which the peasant again flummoxed him. The man got to keep the bag of gold. A woman peasant can defeat devils, too. One's reputation was that she treated her helpers so cruelly no one stayed with her more than a month. The devil married her, thinking she would treat him better. She didn't. He ran away, but just as he was about to conclude a very good deal he was told his wife was waiting for him. He chose to fly back to hell! There are nine stories in this collection. The book is especially attractive with its printing in red and black.

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