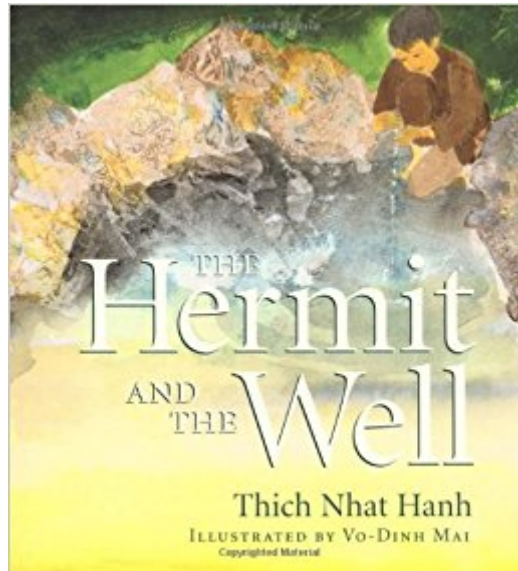




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The Hermit And The Well



Synopsis

The Hermit and the Well is a story from the time the author was a young boy in Vietnam. When his school class goes on a trip to climb a mountain. He hopes to meet the hermit who lives near the top. Instead, he discovers a beautiful well and finds the secret to his own happiness. Each page is fully illustrated with lively and engaging paintings by renowned artist Vo-Dinh Mai.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

Thich Nhat Hanh is one of the most revered Zen teachers in the world today. His best-selling books include Happiness and Peace Is Every Step. He lives in Plum Village in southwest France, where he teaches the art of mindful living. Vo-Dinh Mai was born and raised in Hue Vietnam. He studied at the Sorbonne and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris. His paintings and woodblocks have been exhibited throughout Asia, Europe, Canada, and the US. He has illustrated numerous books for children and adults, including The Moon Bamboo, The Stone Boy, the award-winning First Snow, and The Hermit and the Well. As an author, translator, and illustrator, he has over forty books to his credit. He has received the Christopher Award and a Literature Program Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

This is a very lovely, charming book. Deceptively simple, yet ultimately quite deep. In that sense, it

reminds me a bit of the famous series of drawings of an ox and his master; this is the series that serve to remind us of the search for, and discovery of, ourselves -- wisdom -- whatever. In this short book, a young boy and his school class learn that they are to visit a hermit -- the boy wanders away from the group, looking for the hermit. Where he finally discovers the wise man is the point of the book. This is a very sweet book with excellent drawings. I highly recommend it.

This may be such a simple story that some readers may not see its true value. I found it simply delightful and hope you do too!

When I read this to my 6 year old, I physically notice peace come over her every time. And thoughtfulness. It's a sweet story, perfect for falling asleep with warm fuzzies and imagination of what could be, or may already be- if we just notice it. My 6 year old requested this story to refer to when exploring meditation on her own.

The book arrived in perfect condition as described. The story is wonderful and the author is a living legend and inspiration to all.

This is a kids story that has a really good lesson as the great teacher always has in his children's books. Children need these lessons today, ones that busy parents usually do not have time to teach.

In *The Hermit And The Well*, Vietnamese Buddhist monk, poet, scholar, and human rights activist Thich Nhat Hanh has written a story of a young Vietnamese boy who climbs a mountain in the hope of meeting a famed hermit that lives there. What the boy finds is the secret of his own happiness. The ethnic artwork of Vo-Dinh Mai is a perfect complement to Hanh's marvelous tale showcasing the importance of slowing down and appreciating the beauty that is always around us -- if we would only see it.

I've read this book to several classes of primary-aged children and they love it. It has a powerful quality that really settles them and helps them feel peaceful. They enjoy the ethnic food element, the mysterious absence of the hermit and are in awe of the freedom of the kids who wander freely on their school excursion. Highly recommended.

While this book is supposedly for children, it's a quick read that still has meaning for the inner child of we adults, as well. I love uncle Thich!

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