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A collection of enjoyable tales about the famous hero Wu Song traced across centuries through drama, balladry, song, and storytelling

The epic-like saga of Wu Song has been in living oral tradition in China for more than 700 years up to the present, where it has taken the form of drama, balladry, song and storytelling.

Readership

This book will be attractive to undergraduate and graduate students, scholars, and general readers. It can be used not only for university courses on Chinese, East Asian, and world literature, theater, and epic but also for upper-level courses in Chinese language (in combination with the Database on Chinese Storytelling, www.shuoshu.org). It will appeal as well to a generation of young people who have grown up bilingual in Chinese and English.

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Features enjoyable texts and excerpts from many different versions of this hero's story.

Depicts Wu Song as a peerless hero of strength and virtue and more unusual versions that juxtapose him with sexual desire and corruption.

Contributes to our understanding of the meaning of epic in a global context.

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