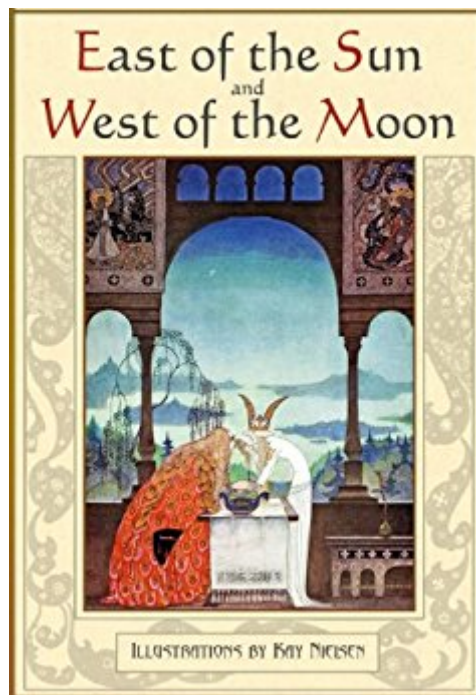




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I just received this today and I am very disappointed. Description of product said it included the original illustrations by Kay Nielsen. I should mention that I ordered this book because I wanted the illustrations, so I make no judgements on the quality or content of the text. All of the illustrations were very small instead of the full page copies I expected and most are so blurry I can't make them out. The original illustrations were in color and are beautiful pieces of art. The book did arrive on time but has minor damage to the top of the bound edge. Probably occurred during shipping. There is very little margin on the bound edge which will make it difficult to read.

A very interesting collection of Finnish (mainly) and other Scandinavian folk tales. I love western folklore and collect as much as I can find and I am happy to include this book among my many others. It is short but very readable and enjoyable. It gives one a peek into the myths and folklore tropes of other countries outside of the tales of Grimm, Anderson, and the many British legends.

You could spend upwards of \$10 for the newest version of these tales, but I'd as soon as stick with this classic version containing superb, detailed illustrations by the acclaimed Kay Nielsen. Some of my personal favorite stories include the vile "Prince Lindworm" whom consumes two of his brides, "The Husband Who was to Mind the House" which made sport of the ever so careless husband and "The Lassie and the Godmother" with special appearance by the Virgin Mary (I kid you not!) Be sure to start from the very beginning as it has a terrific index of every illustration and mention of what it portrays with links to each piece of artwork. A great find and a tremendous bargain! For another fine book of tales (illustrations not needed) please see my review for "Running With the Caribou" by Robin Moore.

What a great way to introduce children and sometimes the reader him or herself two fables, fairy tales, or folk stories of the Scandinavian countries. Our thirty year olds and our pre-schoolers loved the book.

My grandmother gave me a copy of East of the Sun and West of the Moon illustrated by Kay Nielsen (London: Hodder & Stoughton), 1914 when I was but a lad and I spent hours pouring over the amazing illustrations, struck by their composition (heroic), color (brilliant) and detail (stupendous). Sadly, this now very valuable edition was destroyed in a house fire. So the eBook edition brings back a flood of good memories and looking at the Nielsen illustrations on a Kindle Touch made me wish for the first time I had a Kindle (Color) Fire. The 1914 text made the "100 Years/100 Books: Highspots of Collectible Children's Books from 1863-1963" list of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America.

One of my first memories is being a baby on my daddy's lap, listening raptly as he read to me. He didn't read "little kid stuff", but read what HE was interested in, often from "the Book of Knowledge" which, if I remember correctly, contained "East of the Sun and West of the Moon". I loved this story, and would beg him to read it again and again. I didn't see it again for years, until I saw this version. I still love it, just as much as when I was a child - even more so, since, as an adult, I understand it better, and it also brings sweet memories of my dad's love for reading.

In my book you are never too old to enjoy fairy tales--especially those that have become a part of a country's culture. Good for all ages and the pictures are great too.

Not the best version I've seen of this book - the illustrations are not best represented in this copy.

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