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## The Russian Garland: Being Russian Folk Tales: Translated from a Collection of Chapbooks Made in Moscow (Paperback)

By Robert Steele

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.A selection of some of the very best traditional Russian Folk Tales, translated from the original peasant chapbooks dating from 1830s Moscow by famed medievalist Robert Steele. The broad range of the fairy tales-some similar to, but others vastly different from, their Western European equivalents-is superbly captured in this collection, which includes such tempting titles as The Mild Man and His Cantankerous Wife, and the Story of the Most Wonderful and Noble Self-Playing Harp. As Steele notes in his introduction, some of the tales are obviously of German origin-adopted and made Russian, like that of the Seven Simeons or Emelyan, the Fool, while others are as evidently Eastern. A few date from the Russian Epics, like that of Iliya of Murom and Ivan the Peasant's Son; others are of later date, like that of The Judgment of Shemyaka, who was a historic character who lived about 1446. This delightful collection also offers a fascinating-and refreshing-look into classical Russian culture and folklore, as the editor pointed out: It is hardly necessary to dilate on the peculiar expressions here to be found; how...



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