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A unique and engaging picturebook of Taoist wisdom tales inspired by the ancient philosopher Chang Tzu, for children ages 5-10, beautifully illustrated with original artwork.

These offbeat and often humorous Taoist wisdom tales, inspired by the teachings of philosopher Chuang Tzu (fourth century BCE), will be as engaging for adults as they will be for children. The stories are interactions between a Taoist sage and his students. The sage uses these stories to encourage his students to learn from, and live harmoniously with the natural world. This unique book explores the qualities of humility, modesty, simplicity, acceptance, contentment, and nonresistance, among others, in a way that will interest younger readers; older children will be able to grasp the deeper meaning of the parables, and get a taste of the Taoist view. Some of the morals are:

- To live in harmony with nature is the true path to happiness and contentment.
- What is good in life is not always obvious.
- Beauty is in the eyes and mind of the beholder.
- If we are true to who we are, we will naturally find what is right.
- Arrogance can lead to disaster.

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