

1: clew's reviews: a book log: Tales of Magistrate Bao and his Valiant Lieutenants, Susan Blader, ed.

It revolves around the famed Song dynasty magistrate, Bao Zheng (), who is more commonly known as Magistrate Bao (Bao Gong) and is the quintessential incorruptible government "Sanxia wuyi" (later revised and called "Qixia wuyi") is a semi-historical narrative of adventure, crime-detection, and courtroom drama.

Murder in the Middle Kingdom: Mysteries in China Throughout China's long and turbulent history crime, punishment, and justice have been prominent literary and societal themes. Magistrate tales have always been popular in China and remain so even today. An excellent selection of such stories can also be found in *Y. The modern detective story zhentan xiaoshuo*, however, arrived in China at the end of the 19th Century. As a genre, mysteries have been looked down upon by the literati and the intelligentsia in general as low literature, and all too frequently, the prevailing government has been wary of such work, believing it created a negative image of the state. In the pre-communist period the mystery genre became very popular among literate Chinese. By the late s Western translations and home-grown detective stories became very common. A large number of indigenously written mysteries appeared in the magazine from to The publishers stated that they wanted to promote logical thinking and thus crime and detective stories were important in that solutions were achieved via empirical investigations and without supernatural interventions. Sherlock Holmes became especially popular and Chinese writers produced many local imitations of the Baker Street sleuth. This material was, in fact, counterespionage literature. The official government line was that detectives such as Sherlock Holmes were necessitated by evil and unjust bourgeois societies and crime fiction aroused a base lust for sex and violence. The genre flourished because it had been popular earlier with the literate Chinese but it also served the goals of the new regime of Deng Xiaoping. Consequently the stories focused on corrupt policeman, judges and procurators in the justice system and the injustice they inflicted on innocent individuals. Other stories featured upright officials who had remained untainted by the corruption of the period. Very little of this work is available in English although a sample may be found in *The Wounded G*. The post-Mao period also led to the importation of a spate of translations from the West and the works of Doyle, Christie, Hammett and others were published by the hundreds of thousands. Domestic writers also produced work that provided peeks into the social pathologies of Chinese society - from corrupt officials to evil teenagers. Most of these domestic stories were awkward caricatures of Western mysteries employing all the somewhat dated conventions of early 20th century crime fiction. Many were melodramas that were part love story, part drama, and part crime detection. Some of this literature was even acceptable to the literary elite, particularly if it emphasized the rule of law and exposed the corruption of public officials. After the late s the status of crime fiction altered from time to time in rhythm with government policies. For example, there was a brief tightening in as a result of a campaign against spiritual pollution. But as China opened itself to the globalized economy all types of popular literature flourished. There is even a booming unofficial publishing system. The most recent development in popular literature is an avant-garde movement and crime stories are well represented in this body of work. This literature significantly departs from past work in that it emphasizes violence, gore, and cruelty. One of the leading writers currently is Wang Shuo who has written a series featuring a police investigator named Shan Liren. His first full-length novel was *Living Dangerously* published in but not available in English, a murder mystery in which values are turned upside down. His novel, *Playing for Thrills*: The novel is only incidentally a murder mystery but a good example of the contemporary style and filled with criminality. A very intriguing and creative short story by Ge Fei, "Mr. For an excellent and detailed discussion of crime fiction in China from the late s to see Jeffrey C. Kinkley, *Crime Fiction in AfterMao*: The Chinese mystery has obviously evolved in a cauldron of great pain and upheaval but does have a number of very distinguishing characteristics. Most of the stories are police procedurals, especially since although there is an incipient trend toward new types of sleuths such as journalists and teachers. Most important and in contrast to Western crime fiction in which the emphasis is on solving the crime, the Chinese mystery has always focused on the quest for justice and especially punishment for evils committed. Today the tumultuous events transpiring in China are radically altering the environment for crime

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fiction as well as other literature. The famous Chinese curse warns, "may you live in interesting times. There is no doubt, however, that it will thrive in some interesting form. We can only hope that soon non-Chinese language readers will have more access to the sleuths of one of the oldest, most distinguished and rapidly changing cultures in the world.

2: Jordan: Classical Chinese Novels

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Authorship is unknown, and a number of variants are in circulation. There is some probability that the commonest text we have of this work is the product of revelations through possessed mediums. University of California Press. The result is a spectacular series of wars, featuring a wide range of miraculous weapons, that results in its human heroes being made gods and being appointed to places in the pantheon. In many cases the characters described were already canonized at the time the novel was created. In other cases, cults to particular gods may have arisen as a result of the circulation of this material. The Third Prince, for example, is today a very common god possessing spirit mediums in Taiwan, despite the comparative lack of other sources that would have made him "theologically" interesting or would have popularized knowledge of him. This book is arguably the most important influence on popular understanding of Taoism as a religious system. For an example of the content of this work, [click here](#). A forty-page summary of this important novel is available on this web site. This novel, more than any other, is regarded as the high point of elite Chinese imaginative literature. Indeed so esteemed is it, that commentaries and scholarship about it have come to be described collectively as "hongology" in English! In contrast to its perduring critical acclaim, the book has had relatively few folkloric effects and is of only minor interest to a cultural anthropologist. This title typically but not always refers to a work of the first half of the XIXth century. Chinese Religion and Popular Literature. The English title is sometimes "Golden Plum Vase. Several abridged English versions are available since the book is thought to be erotic. Plum in a Golden Vase Princeton University Press , published in five volumes to critical acclaim between and The book continues to have great influence, through spin-off plays and movies, upon popular notions about ghosts and the paranormal. Selections From Sanxia wuyi. Copies of this text have been sworn to and then ceremonially burned in temples in China ever since. For a sampling of some of these stories, [click here](#). For a quick and useful background to the period, [click here](#). They are represented as outcasts defending local interests against oppressive central government forces. For a summary of one of the episodes as performed by a Cantonese opera troupe, [click here](#). This is a compilation of religious and ghost tales dating from the period of the Six Dynasties period 7e , when civil unrest resulted in much migration and the rapid spread of innovations. The discredit into which Confucianism had fallen as a means of managing society led to a great deal of tolerance for popular religion. The tales in this collection seem to have influenced the view of ghosts and miracles taken in later dynasties. Trilingual edition with original and modern Chinese and English. I know of no English translation. It is love at first sight when they encounter each other in a monastery where each is virtuously taking shelter as a guest. For a summary of this work as performed on the stage, [click here](#). His simian manner is easily imitated by an increasing host of spirit mediums, making this one of the most common cults among spirit mediums in Taiwan, Singapore, and elsewhere today. A brief synopsis of this work is available on this site. For copyright reasons, access is password-limited to students in my current China class. Available as a complete, 4-volume translation or in an abridged edition.

3: Zidishu - Wikipedia

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In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Hegel bio Wilt L. Judge Bao and the Rule of Law: Eight Ballad Stories from the Period For anyone interested in traditional Chinese stories of crime and its detection, prosecution, and punishment, there is no better source than the stories of Magistrate Bao. For each new generation of raconteurs and writers, Lord Bao has been the standard for impartiality, punishing wrongdoers from all levels of society up to and including the closest relatives of the emperor himself. He declined his first appointment in order to fulfill his duties as a filial son, and then went on to establish a reputation for incorruptibility in both provincial and central administrative offices. Within two centuries of his death, he had become an important figure in the religious beliefs of North China; as chief judge of the underworld and head of its bureaucracy, his aid was sought for impartial assessment of the dead and the living as well. By , legends concerning his insights and fairness were the stuff of professional storytellers and began to find their way into early printed literature. Most have to do with homicide. These were the first clear examples of a form previously known only from references in Yuan and early Ming period writings. They were initially reproduced in facsimile and then made available in a punctuated and annotated edition, from which these translations were made. They fall into two groups on the basis of their length: The first narrates his early life as a child so homely that his father cannot stand to look at him through his maturation to the [End Page] point that he takes his first administrative post. The second records how he provides relief for famine victims; in the third he reunites the emperor with his birth mother, now a beggar. Despite their fantastic elements, they establish Bao as a defender of proper Confucian values, filial respect, and care for the unfortunate. In the fourth he combats a weretiger, a foretaste of the longer stories of the second group. The fifth tale is commonly known from an extant theatrical version. Here the corpse of a murder victim has been reduced to ashes and fired into a pot; the pot speaks to Lord Bao to demand justice You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

4: Tales of Magistrate Bao and His Valiant Lieutenants: Selections from Sanxia Wuyi by Susan Blader

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5: Tales of Magistrate Bao and His Valiant Lieutenants : Susan Blader :

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6: The Seven Heroes and Five Gallants - Wikipedia

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7: Kou Zhu - Wikipedia

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