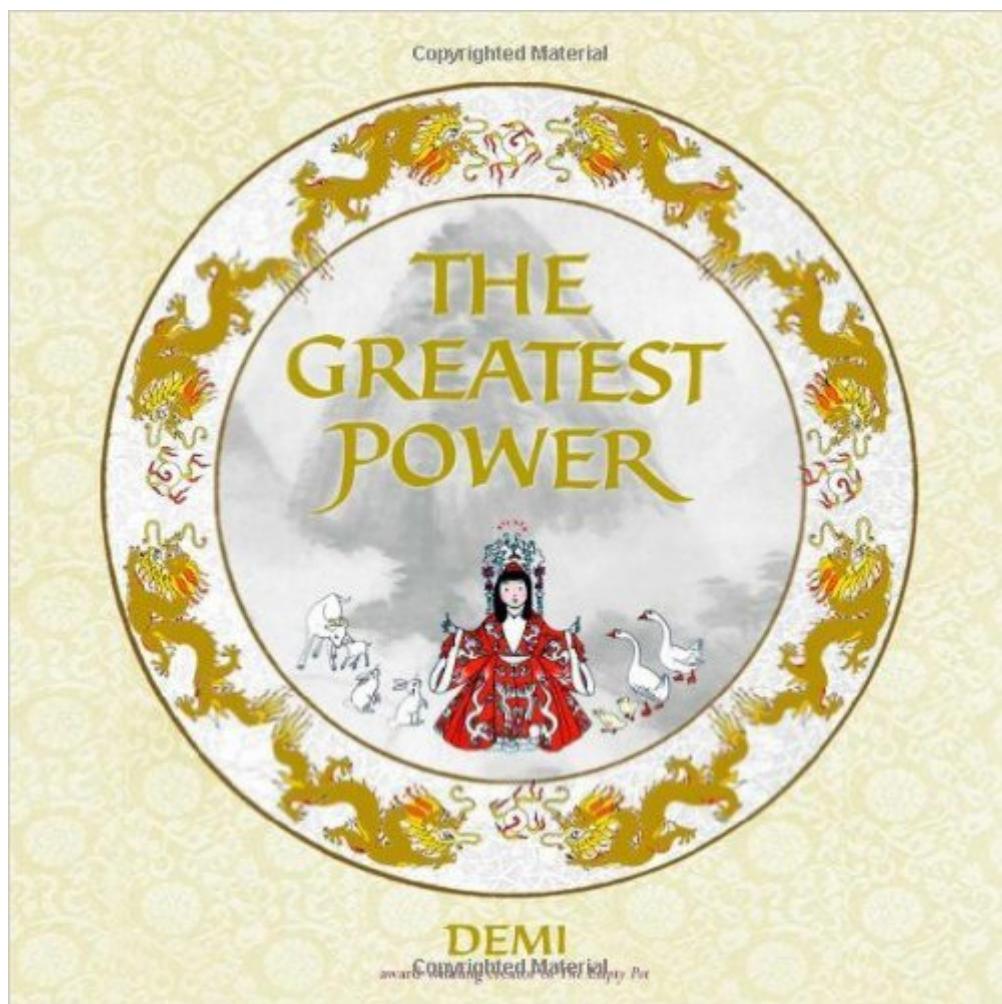


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The Greatest Power



Synopsis

Emperor Ping, the boy emperor known for his love of harmony, sets a challenge to the children of his kingdom: show him the greatest power in the world. "To know the greatest power in the world is to know the greatest peace," Emperor Ping announces. "Whoever knows this harmony will become the new prime minister." The children get to work right away and have many bright ideas. The greatest power must be weapons! It must be beauty! It must be money! But as a young girl named Sing reflects upon the challenge, she wonders how any of those things, which cannot last forever, could be the greatest power in the world. She is certain there is something even more powerful, and the source of this power will surprise and delight her. A companion to Demi's stunning picture book *The Empty Pot*, *The Greatest Power* continues the story of Ping now that he has become an emperor. With striking artwork and a lovely, lyrical text, this next chapter in Emperor Ping's life is sure to enrapture young readers.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Such a powerful tale, that can help teach many life lessons as well as spiritual lessons. Depicts a wise young leader, and a thoughtful, confident, patient girl who sets herself apart without even 'trying' to -- TRUE beauty...Side note: i have sons, and although the characters in Demi's books (that i've read) tend to be female, I don't mind. I like reading these to my sons so they know women

to be capable and intelligent! I was worried for a moment at the end that it might take a turn to "they fell in love...." but Demi came through once again with a tale spun to perfection. For ages 5/6+ -- it's rather long.

This is a continuation of the story told in "The Empty Pot". The story of "The Greatest Power" unfolds in a similar fashion. I like "The Empty Pot" more (I gave it 5 stars), but "The Greatest Power" is not bad. Both books have lovely illustrations. My family and I have read several of Demi's books and recommend them.

This is a nice story. I don't recommend it to read to a group of lower elementary students - they can't sit long enough for it. I tried it once and they got fidgety. But the story is wonderful and it sends a great message!!

This book is my first exposure to Demi, now I am hooked and will read all her books to my children who are quite young now but the message and illustrations will last for ages, from preschool to adult. Adults as well will delight in the gorgeous illustrations and deep spiritual message found in the text. A children's book of superb quality with a multicultural, philosophical and spiritual perspective.

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