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Momotaro and the Island of Ogres (Hardback)

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George Braziller, United States, 2005. Hardback. Book Condition: New. Kano Naganobu (illustrator). 310 x 218 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The amazing adventures of Momotaro, a boy found inside a peach and raised by an elderly couple, is one of Japan s most popular folktales. An exquisite handscroll painted by Kano Naganobu (1775-1828) contains one of the finest illustrated versions of the tale known today. The illustrations are reproduced in their entirety as the story follows Momotaro s journey to the terrifying Island of Ogres. After befriending a dog, a monkey, and a pheasant, Momotaro crosses the sea with his new companions and lays siege to the demons fearsome mountain fortress. The battle is a fierce one, but Momotaro and his friends prevail; they recover the demon s ill-gotten treasure and restore it to its rightful owners. One of the first Japanese folktales to have been translated into English, the story of Momotaro is a delightful and lively voyage of the imagination that can be enjoyed by young and old alike. A lengthy postscript to the tale looks at the tradition of illustrated folk stories in Japan, with examples of Momotaro pictures and related imagery in various forms...



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