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From The Bookhouse for Children : Tales Told in Holland before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tales Told in Holland:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A very special children's book--especially for families of Dutch heritageBy Heather Elizabeth ErwinI had the good luck to find this book and send it to my mom before she passed this year. Her maiden name was Van Doren and she really loved the book and was able to read it to her great grandchildren. After the service, while at the house which then needed to be emptied and sold, my niece saw the book and asked if she could have it for she said it was the most beautifully printed and illustrated one she'd ever seen. She has written for a top fashion magazine in LA and her judgment on these things is high level. It's a classic, it's beautiful,

and I urge you to get a copy while you can. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars
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Classic Dutch storied - which is what we were looking for. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.
Very old fashioned but quite charming. The illustrations are ...
By Hester F.
Very old fashioned but quite charming. The illustrations are the real attraction for this book, as many of them are based on famous Dutch paintings and incorporate the unique styles and clothing of each province.

"Tales Told in Holland" consists chiefly of stories with a few translations from the greatest Dutch poets and a few old Dutch nursery rhymes, naive and nonsensical as our English rhymes, and contrasting interestingly with the far more sophisticated rhymes of the French. There is at least one story from each of the eleven Dutch Provinces, which form the kingdom of the Netherlands; fanciful folk tales from the little known heath and fen country of Groningen, Drente, Overyssel and Gelderland where the folk must make up for the barrenness of their land by the fruitfulness of their fancy; realistic tales from the green and fertile provinces of Friesland, Utrecht, North Holland, South Holland and Zeeland, with their typical Dutch scenery, -- flat green fields, windmills, little red-roofed houses, dykes, and black and white cows, -- a country so satisfying that the good folk accept the world as their two eyes behold it and do not fly away on the wings of fancy but are quite as matter-of-fact as their excellent Edam cheese; and so on the stories go through the Province of North Brabant to Limburg, the land of ancient Sagas of Charlemagne, bordering his capital of Aix-la-Chapelle, and full of the atmosphere of romantic legend. There are also the wise men of Kampen who do all the foolish things done in Holland, that Dutchest of Dutch puppets, Jan Klaasen with Katryn, his wife, Tyl Ulenspiegel, the beloved Dutch clown, and those ridiculous German simpletons, the Hannekemaiers, who come every year to help with the harvest in Holland and furnish the Dutchman a butt for the merriest pranks of his humor. In addition to these folk tales, there are tales of the great Dutch artists, that wonderful group whom even Italy could scarcely excel, and stories with a background introducing all the high spots in Dutch history, including the time when the Netherlands formed a part of the Empire of Charlemagne and her struggle for independence from Spain.