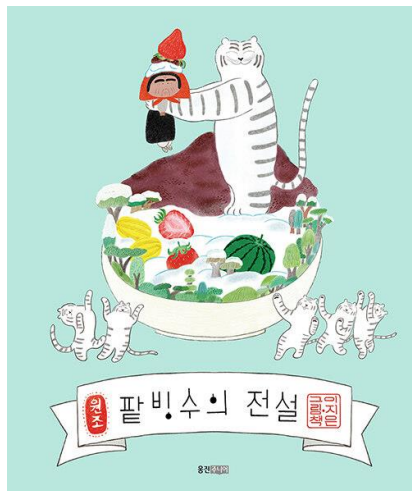


The Story How the Shaved Ice Dessert was Born



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****Picture book by Lee Gee-eun who won the 2021 Bologna Ragazzi Award for comics in the early reader category**

This picture book was released in mid-summer of 2019, ranked the 100 top-selling titles for Children once it was out, and stayed on the list for several weeks even until now.

Here is an old lady living alone, growing watermelons, oriental melons, strawberries and red beans in a deep high mountain. On market day, she packs the fruits and red bean porridge, and sets off for market. When it is about halfway in a snowy forest, she bumps into a snow tiger who demands nice food. Snow tiger says, “You either give me food, or I’ll eat you up!” The old lady throws strawberries to him and runs away while he enjoys the sweet and sour strawberries, but she gets caught soon. She takes yellow oriental melons out of her bag, hoping they are enough to engage his attention for a while. And it works!



She runs away and is caught again. When giving the last fruit, a big watermelon, to him, she says, “Unless you pick out the seeds out, the fruit will grow in your stomach”. While the snow tiger is busy counting the seeds, she runs for her life. But the snow tiger follows the old lady again. This time, the old lady is really out of food except for a hot red bean porridge. “Give it to me!” The snow tiger tries to take the bag of red bean porridge away from the old lady, as she tries to protect it from the tiger. Unfortunately, the red bean porridge lands on top of the snow tiger.

Then what happened? The snow tiger melts and melts until it ends up becoming an ice topped with fruit that he ate from the old lady. The old lady packs the fruit topped ice and take it to the market. Believe or not this is the discovery of patbigsu, the shaved ice dessert.



Author Biography

Gee-eun Lee studied design and illustration in Korean and in the UK. She won a prize for 'Young Designer Illustration' at Korea Design Award, 2002. She wrote and illustrated 'Paper Dad', 'Granny Mom', 'Red Berries' and Illustrated other picture books. Her picture book, Iparapa Yamooyamoo (published at Sakyejul Publishing), won 2021 Bologna Ragazzi Award in the Comics – Early Readers category.

When Jieun was a little girl, she loved her grandmother's shaved ice dessert. From the dessert, she imagined it as a sign of snow even though it was a summer day, or it would be trace of melted snow tiger. Based on her imagination, she wrote and illustrated this book 'The Story How the Shaved Ice Dessert was Born'.