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# Wu Ch'êng-êñ

Read by **Kenneth Williams**

Translated by **Arthur Waley**

Considered one of China's great classical novels, Wu Ch'êng-êñ's *Journey to the West* was translated by Arthur Waley in abridged form as *Monkey* in 1942 and has delighted English readers ever since. It is a riveting adventure story about a priest's quest to obtain holy Buddhist scriptures for the Tang emperor. Joining him on this rollicking journey: Sandy, Pigsy and the mischievous Monkey King, Sun Wukong, whose flying cloud and magic cudgel are never far from his infamous deeds.

Waley's accessible rendition of Wu Ch'êng-êñ's novel has become a classic in its own right: Gods, demons and disobedient monkey spirits all come alive in this entertaining work.

**Kenneth Williams** was one of the most popular comic actors of his generation. His extensive career included roles in theatre, television and film, the most famous being his work as a key member of the *Carry On* cast, with which he performed in 26 films in the long-running series. He is also remembered for his radio work with Tony Hancock (*Hancock's Half Hour*) and Kenneth Horne (*Beyond Our Ken* and *Round the Horne*).

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