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Holidays Around The World: Celebrate Chinese New Year: With Fireworks, Dragons, And Lanterns



Synopsis

Children have never had so many reasons to learn how Chinese people everywhere ring in the new and ring out the old. As China takes its new place on the global stage, understanding Chinese culture and values becomes ever more essential to our next generation. For two joyous weeks red is all around. The color represents luck and happiness. Children receive money wrapped in red paper, and friends and loved ones exchange poems written on red paper. The Chinese New Year is also an opportunity to remember ancestors, and to wish peace and happiness to friends and family. The holiday ends with the Festival of Lanterns, as many large communities stage the famous Dragon Dance. Fireworks, parades, lanterns, presents, and feasts: these are some of the joys experienced by all who observe Chinese New Year. Celebrate Chinese New Year is the latest, timely addition to National Geographic's popular Holidays Around the World series. With 25 colorful images and a simple, educational text, the book is a lively invitation to revel in this child-friendly, national and international holiday. Carolyn Otto brings the historical and cultural aspects of the Chinese New Year into focus, and young readers experience the full flavor of an event celebrated by over a billion people in China, and countless others worldwide. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 4 •Stunning full-page, color photographs, coupled with clear and understandable text, bring this holiday to life. While titles about Chinese New Year are plentiful, this one stands out due to the showcasing of international celebrations. It shows festivities and traditions in such varied countries as Brazil, Canada, and Japan. Customs meant to bring good luck in the New Year, such as hanging colorful lanterns and giving lucky red envelopes with money, virtually jump off the page. Scrumptious delicacies, illuminating fireworks, and vividly colored dragons are clearly identified through the bold text on each page. A back section entitled "More About Chinese New Year" includes clear and simple directions for making a Chinese lantern, a fortune cookie recipe, information on the Chinese calendar and Zodiac signs, a game, a glossary, and more resources to explore. Superior to Ann Heinrichs's Chinese New Year (The Child's World, 2006), this one is a visual treat.

•Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA

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Vivid, colorful photographs of fireworks, lion dancers, lanterns, and food fill the pages of this introduction to Chinese New Year. The concise but informative narrative notes when the event occurs, cites a few of the countries where it is observed, and explains the reasons behind the customs and symbols, especially those traditions involving children. The well-captioned pictures capture the intense excitement and raucous exuberance of the festivities. Appended information on the Chinese calendar and zodiac, a craft idea, a recipe, a game, and sources for further information make this a great addition to primary classrooms as well as libraries. Grades 1-4.

--Linda Perkins --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I like this book but wish to have more updated information. But, it is still good book for ABC kids to learn about their culture and tradition. It come with games and information that my suitable for american born children. Because those fortune cookies only created and popular in US because of Chinatown restaurant created that as a sweet treats. I am born and raised in HK and I never have one or see one until coming to US. So, it is not traditional to Chinese culture but it is at US Chinatown only. So it is a book for american born Chinese (ABC). :)

I have several books on Chinese New Year which I share with my son's class every Lunar New Year and this book tops them all! It is well-written, organized and has excellent vivid photos and detailed facts and descriptions. I will definitely buy this again for my friends and any children who are interested in learning about Chinese New Year.

nice book

Great photos full of color and facts about this celebration. I used this in my pre-school (as a point to look and discuss) as well as my son's kindergarten class (I skipped over some of the longer paragraphs), but my 8 year old enjoyed reading it in entirety. The kids all had their eyes glued to the pages and were excited to learn about the interesting points of this cultural celebration.

I'm Chinese and I think this book is very well written. It covers various aspects of the most important holiday for the Chinese. Lots of great photos too!

This book had beautiful illustrations that really show the essence of Chinese New Year and make you want to celebrate it. The text was informative and well done.

As all of the National Geographic Holidays books, Excellent!

Helps my Grandkids learn about the Chinese New Year.

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