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Happy New Year! Kung-Hsi Fa-Ts'Ai



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Synopsis

Pop! Pop! Pop! Set off firecrakers! Enjoy the feasts and join in the Dragon Dances!Chinese New Year has arrived and these are just a few of the customs included in Demi's newest book, Happy New Year! Kung-Hsi Fa-Ts'ai!. The activities and traditions that make up the Chinese New Year festivities are portrayed in beautiful, full-color detail.Ã Â Ã Â There are lavish illustrations of playful children, and each spread contains a brief explanation of the significance of each custom and how it fits into the month-long celebration. This glorious book is a sure delight and will be ideal for use both at home and in the classroom.Ã Â Ã Â

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Customer Reviews

"Happy Chinese New Year!" this lovely book exuberantly proclaims. Full of extraordinary, richly colorful illustrations resembling lacquered boxes, this book is as visually delicious as Demi's previous books The Stonecutter and The Empty Pot. Children will love closely examining the flurry of activity associated with this important holiday. They will also appreciate the accompanying minimal, straightforward descriptions of everything from heavenly beings to candied coconut. As they learn the basics of this ancient holiday, they'll also enjoy finding their own animal sign of the Chinese New Year based on the year of their birth: "Each Chinese year is named after an animal, and each animal has certain characteristics. Because the moon's cycle begins again every 12 years, there are 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac--one for each year of the lunar cycle." The book

proceeds to romp through sections such as "Sweep and Dust," "Make a Fresh Start," "Decorate!," "Paint and Parade!," and "Cook." "Pop! Pop! Pop!" explains the importance of firecrackers in the New Year celebration. This delightful, elaborate picture book is a fine introduction to the Chinese New Year. (Ages 4 to 8)

Kindergarten-Grade 3?With delightful charm and simplicity, Demi offers readers a lovely look at the Chinese New Year. The vibrant, colorful double-page spreads are full of small, stylized cartoon drawings of Chinese children and adults dancing and smiling as they prepare for and participate in the festivities. The author clearly explains traditions; the always-fascinating animal zodiac; the vast array of gods and heavenly beings that are honored; and the symbolism behind special foods, signs, and rituals. Primary-grade assignments will be enriched by this jewel-toned picture-book presentation. It’s just unfortunate that there is no pronunciation guide for the many words, names, and foods mentioned.?Anne Connor, Los Angeles Public LibraryCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is a nice introduction to chinese new year. I will use it as a informational guide and have my Chinese-Vietnamese students look it over to facilitate a discussion about their new year. Thanks.

This book, beautifully illustrated, is loaded with information about all aspects of Chinese New Year. My third grade students appreciated all that they learned from it as they became "experts" about another culture.

This was a great book for a project my son did on other cultures. He enjoyed the book!

I love the book because of the colors in the book.

This is a cute, easy to read book that discusses the basic elements of Chinese New Year.

Need an excuse to explore ethnic and religious holidays and practices? This is your vehicle. The interesting and exciting practices surrounding Chinese New Year can so easily be compared in writing, drama and story-telling of many other cultures. You cannot go wrong with this book.

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This is a simply written and beautifully illustrated book about the Chinese New Year. Through delicate line drawings and jewel like colors the author/illustrator captures the essence of Chinese mythical creatures, flora, fauna, heavenly creatures and mortals. We learn about Chinese zodiac symbols, gods, how Chinese people prepare for the New Year, why they eat special kinds of foods on New Year's Day, the symbolism of specific flowers as gifts, and the meanings of Chinese characters hung on doorways. Demi is the talented author and illustrator of many children's books with Chinese themes. This book is definitely one of my favorites.

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