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Red Is A Dragon: A Book Of Colors





Synopsis

Younger children will be engaged by Red Is a Dragon, as a young girl finds a rainbow of colors in her everyday life.

Book Information

Paperback: 40 pages Publisher: Chronicle Books (March 26, 2008) Language: English ISBN-10: 0811864812 ISBN-13: 978-0811864817 Product Dimensions: 9 x 0.2 x 9 inches Shipping Weight: 4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (23 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #76,656 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #5 in Books > Children's Books > Holidays & Celebrations > Chinese New Year #44 in Books > Children's Books > Geography & Cultures > Multicultural Stories > Asian & Asian American #76 in Books > Children's Books > Geography & Cultures > Explore the World > Asia Age Range: 4 - 7 years Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

Illustrator Grace Lin's use of color and curly cue backgrounds are more than half the reason to buy this book. In short verse, the reader and female protagonist is introduced to very bright colors and a red dragon and firecrackers, red melons and lychees on green backgrounds, orange crabs on the sand in your hand, yellow incense sticks and taxis, green gourds and toads, green jade that mom and daughter share, blue sneakers, purple kites, pink peonies, and white dumplings to share with a brother. What colors surround you?? A glossary of ten words closes the book.

Although my daughter was born in China and now living here in the US. I want her to know her heritage. Grace Lin and Roseanne Thong have created many terrific books that let me share with my daughter about Asian families and how they celebrate and most importantly how color plays such a vital role in the Asians eyes and lifestyles. I love that Grace lin included dragon dancing and put feet under it for your child to see. I am trying to show my daughter that the Dragons used in Dragon Dances for the Chinese New Year is not a "live" dragon, but that there are many people or one person underneath and that they are wearing a dragon costume. Just like my daughter wheres a costume at Halloween. And then maybe this year she won't cry... or maybe not as much... she's only 2 1/2 years old.I love that the book introduces us to the Chinese culture and how they eat different foods and instead of using forks, knives and spoons they use chopsticks! I love that one of the last lines in the book prompts your child to see what colors are around them, be it in their homes, backyards and else where. I also love that there are definations of certain words that we might be unfamiliar with. No matter if you live in America, Australia, Canada or Neatherlands or anywhere that Asains have found a place to call home, this book will help you open your child & families lives & eyed to how Asians live. There are may terrific books by Grace Lin and Toseanne Thong, here's to many, many more books to come in the future!!!!!

Not just a book about colors. It's lovely to see Asian & American people and items intermixed esp. if you &/or your child are a minority where you live. But this is a book for *everyone*, read out-loud or read-to. Personally, I prefer the celebration pictures & parades more than the simple ones at the beach, and I still prefer their 'Round is a mooncake' but this book has grown on me.

The social climate today is increasingly nativistic so this is an important time to expose children to literature that affirms diverse cultures and expands limited horizons. This group of books includes newer titles as well as some classics and reflects both Chinese and Japanese culture.Red Is A Dragon.Red Is A Dragon: A Book of Colors by Roseann Thong will delight readers of any culture. Grace Linâ [™]s illustrations rendered in brilliant colors and bold illustrations will captivate readers. One need not be Asian to appreciate the artistry and enjoy the simple rhyming text. Red Is A Dragon: A Book of Colors is a delightful way to learn how to recognize colors while being exposed to a hint of Asian culture: dragon kites, fire crackers, jade bracelets, incense sticks and Chinese opera. At the same time, many illustration reflect universal elements like going to the beach, flying kites, etc. This book does an excellent job serving as both mirror and window and is a visual delight that teaches more than colors. Includes a glossary that to further explain the cultural elements. Five Stars!AQ* Lens This concept book uses elements of Chinese culture to deftly show how one can simultaneously celebrate oneâ [™]s heritage and be â œAmerican.â • This is a subtle but important message for adoptees who spend a lifetime braiding the diverse threads of their life into a healthy tapestry, of which they can be justifiably proud. Every â œthreadâ • has value and contributes to who they are. --Gayle H. Swift, "ABC, Adoption & Me: A Multicultural Picture Book"

We read my 28 month old son at least 3 books every night ... sometimes 5. To keep from getting bored, I purchase new books every month by season/holiday. Although Chinese New Year is long past, we still read this book every night. The poetry is simple and clear but yet still vibrant and descriptive. (I love the yellow scene.) The pictures are gorgeous! My son's ability to name colors has improved dramatically just from reading this book. We also have the Round as a Mooncake book and the Dim Sum book - we reccomend anything by this author.

I bought a bunch of books to help go with curriculum for learning colors with my preschoolers. This one is by far my favorite. The illustrations are beautiful, the children stay engaged throughout and highly recommend!

The main attraction for my 2 1/2 year old son is that it had a dragon in a parade AND firecrackers! Of course that's not all, the book is very colorful & we enjoyed couting orange crabs at the sea, green toads in the graden, yellow taxis on the road, purple kites in the sky, dumplings on a plate & much more. Very intertaining.

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