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D Is For Dragon Dance



Synopsis

A is for Acrobats. B is for Balls. C is for Calligraphy. D is for Dragon Dance. From firecrackers to noodles, from red envelopes to the zodiac, young readers are introduced to the exciting traditions of the Chinese New Year in this accessible and visually stunning homage to the holiday.

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Customer Reviews

D is for Dragon Dance is an absolutely beautiful book that has information on the Chinese New Year done so in an A to Z fashion. Each page is a work of art because if you look at it you will notice that underneath each drawing is Chinese Characters, some represent a single word and others a saying. The characters were done in 4 different calligraphy styles 3 from the dynasty they were from and 1 in the cursive or grass style. On the last page of the book in the author's note, under the artist note you will see the word Dragon and how it looks in each of the 4 styles. With the characters underneath each painting, it gives each page a textured look that makes fools your eyes and makes your hands go to feel each page, only to be disappointed that it feels paper smooth and not textured as you see. I love the way the artist draws, his children are beautiful! Here is the break down of what each letter stands for. A - Acrobats B - Balls (shows a acrobat in a 2 person Fu dog / lion dancers balanced on a ball) C - Calligraphy D - Dragon Dance E - Evil Spirits F - Firecrackers G - Grandma & Grandpa H - Haircut (the author probably didn't have the space to mention it, but one should only

get their hair cut before the New Year and not during the New Year Celebrations because you'll be cutting off all of your good luck)I - IncenseJ - JadeK - KitesL - LanternsM - MoonN - NoodlesO - OrangesP - Peking DuckQ - QuizR - Red EnvelopesS - Steamed Dumplings (Yum!!)T - TraditionU - UnityV - VenerationW - WishX - XylographY - Yo - YosZ - Zodiac (12 year cycle) This one starts in the year 1981 the year of the rooster and ends in 2016 in the year of the monkey. On the last page is both the author's and artists notes on the book as well as a recipe for New Year's Dumplings Delight and Soy-Garlic Dipping Sauce, which I can't wait to try.

My son is a sifu in a Chinese martial arts school which teaches kung fu, tai chi, and lion dancing. They participate in many activities with their two dragons and many lion dancers. This is a great book for Chinese New Year and for educating people (adults as well as children) with fun illustrations of Chinese customs, especially for the new year.

My son and I read this book several times and we both liked it. It gives you a different way to experience the alphabet since it has the Chinese culture associated with it. Educational and interesting.

From Acrobats to Zodiac, this is a book that uses the alphabet to introduce many different aspects of Chinese New Year to preK-K-aged kids (though my 8-year-old liked this one, too). Instructional for adults is the last page which contains notes from the author, such as "tips to ensure good fortune in the New Year," information about the Chinese characters that appear in the book, and a recipe for dumplings. A fun read!

D Is For Dragon Dance is an alphabet picturebook about the theme of Chinese New Year's festivities, from the importance of connecting with family ("G is for Grandma and Grandpa") to New Year's customs ("O is for Oranges" - they are given as a sign of good fortune) to protections against evil spirits ("X is for Xylograph", a wood carving on the door meant to keep evil spirits out). Full-color illustrations by Yongsheng Xuan blend a feel for traditional Chinese art with vibrancy and energy bursting off of the page. A fun way for young readers to learn about Chinese culture and their ABC's at the same time.

My daughter just received this book as a gift for her 3rd birthday. She loves the book. My husband and I also enjoy the book. A good book to add to your 'international' book collection.

I purchased this for my 2nd grade classroom to learn about Chinese New Year. The class loved the layout of the book and how it expands to show the whole dragon in the parade.

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