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# Bringing In The New Year (Read To A Child!)



## Synopsis

This exuberant story follows a Chinese American family as they prepare for the Lunar New Year. Each member of the family lends a hand as they sweep out the dust of the old year, hang decorations, and make dumplings. Then it's time to put on new clothes and celebrate with family and friends. There will be fireworks and lion dancers, shining lanterns, and a great, long dragon parade to help bring in the Lunar New Year. And the dragon parade in our book is extra long—on a surprise fold-out page at the end of the story. Grace Lin's artwork is a bright and gloriously patterned celebration in itself! And her story is tailor-made for reading aloud.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

"A wonderful and much-needed addition to Chinese New Year literature."--School Library Journal  
"Simple, energetic language and colorful, appealing art make this a perfect introduction to the holiday, particularly for young children."--Kirkus Reviews

Grace Lin includes an informative author's note with further details on the customs and traditions surrounding the Lunar New Year for parents and teachers. Grace Lin has written and

illustrated several picture books about this Chinese American family (based on her own!): Dim Sum for Everyone!, Kite Flying, and Fortune Cookie Fortunes. She lives in Somerville, Massachusetts. From the Hardcover edition.

I bought this board book for a friend and borrowed the hard cover copy for my daughter from the library. I'll need to order my daughter her own hardcopy soon! She loves the fold-out dragon at the end of the story and I like that the illustrations and story reflect our family's culture. She sees a family that looks like hers honoring traditions we do at home. I absolutely love that her experiences are reflected back to her in this book. Lin's illustrations are vibrant, fun and you can pick out new details with each read.

Good book to introduce Chinese New Year! I purchased this book for my son's preschool room. The teacher and the students were all enjoying reading the book.

MAY 2013: This is a great book. So simple. I've read this at play groups for 1.5-2year olds & they loved it. But it still captures the attention of older kids. Well written, bright colors. I love this book. MAY 2014: i have yet to meet a child that doesn't love this book. I have read it at Lunar New Year themed playgroups with children up to 9 years old. Every single child loves it and learns the basics of lunar new year from this book. It's a perfect introduction to chinese new year. the fold out dragon is the favorite of course! We always read it at least twice in a row. the second time we have children volunteer to do each activity (i.e. one sweeps out the new year, etc)

Colorful illustrations and the text is sweetly done. I have had many Chinese children look at this book. It is eye catching in our library. Gung Hay Fat Choy. There isn't much text in this book but, it is interesting. It is marked 3.5 for Accelerated Reader but, honestly I would read it to K and 1st graders. 2nd graders at the most.

We really love Grace Lin! We have every book she has written, from the youngest to the oldest. They are all amazing!

Great way for a toddler to learn about Chinese New Year customs.

I bought this book for my cousins. They love it. The story is engaging and the vibrant colors are

terrific. Grace Lin is a talented writer and artist. Thanks, Grace!

Read to a kindergarten class celebrating the Chinese New Year. The illustrations were bright and cheery. The children especially liked seeing the dragon at the end of the book.

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