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# Happy New Year! Kung-Hsi Fa-Ts'AI



## Synopsis

Pop! Pop! Pop! Set off firecrackers! 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. 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.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I highly recommend this book to anybody who wants to learn about the Chinese tradition and culture when celebrating the lunar New Year. I especially recommend it to the younger Chinese-American parents who want their children to learn about the value & meaning of celebrating Chinese New Year. Next to our older Chinese parents and grandparents, this book is absolutely wonderful in explaining how Chinese New Year is celebrated!

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.

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.

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.

I haven't found a book by Demi that isn't terrific. This is a great book for young children, it gives lots of great information on the Chinese New Year and what one does to get ready for the New Year celebration! A must have for anyone with an who wants their child to know about their heritage!

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