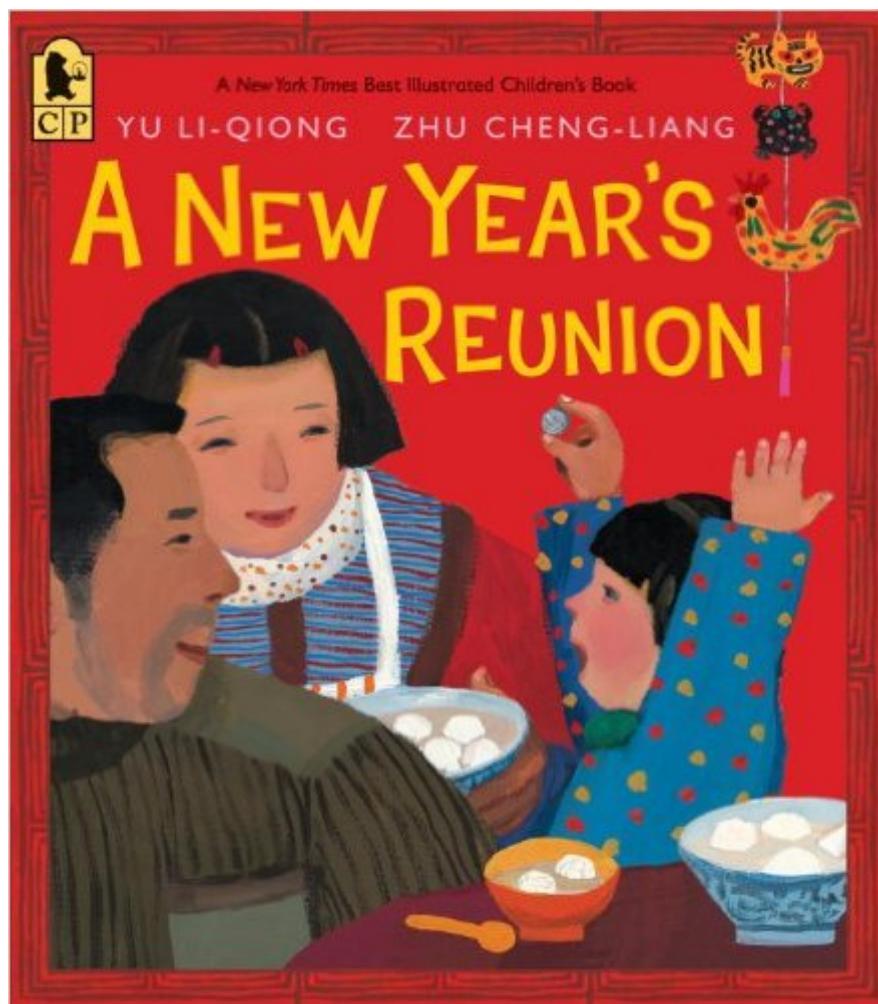


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A New Year's Reunion: A Chinese Story



Synopsis

"Celebrations and traditions might differ, but the story of missing distant family is universal." â " School Library Journal (starred review) This poignant, vibrantly illustrated tale, which won the prestigious Feng Zikai Chinese Childrenâ™s Picture Book Award in 2009, is sure to resonate with every child who misses relatives when they are away â " and shows how a familyâ™s love is strong enough to endure over time and distance.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

A bittersweet story of a Chinese family's new year reunion. I shed tears when I read to the end, it's very touching and introduces the new 'tradition' of many Chinese families in this changing world who are fighting for a better life.

Adorable tale told by a young child named Mao-Mao about her family's celebration of Chinese New Year. She is all excited because not only is it Chinese New Year, but this is the only time of year that Mao-Mao sees her father, who builds houses far away from home. Daddy brings gifts and is eager to celebrate. He makes sticky rice balls and hides a coin in one of them. Mao-Mao rides her father's shoulders so she can see the Dragon parade. As the days of the celebration progress, dad

is busy fixing and repairing the house doing all those things that have been neglected while he has been gone. Mao-Mao is sad because all too soon her father is packing to leave again. Before he leaves, she has a special gift for him. The illustrations are beautifully done; beautiful reds and graphic shapes keep the dynamic flowing. Text is simple, but so appropriate for the targeted age population of preschool through grade two. Underlying the book is the sad reality that many Chinese families are living in this migrant work situation. Highly recommended book to introduce multicultural themes to young children and as a teaching tool for Chinese New Year.

Very touching story! Had one already and bought an extra copy for my daughter's daycare. Her teachers love it. It has been circulating from classroom to classroom. This is one of the best Chinese children's book ever!

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