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The Year Of The Dragon (Tales From The Chinese Zodiac)



Synopsis

The Year of the Dragon is on the San Francisco Public Library/SF Unified School District summer 2013 reading list, distributed to all K-5 public school students and recommended at all SFPL branches for their summer reading program."The Year of the Dragon, written by Oliver Chin and wonderfully illustrated by Jennifer Wood, is the perfect book to teach teamwork, critical thinking, and friendship." - Tokyo Bunnie"Recommended...The acrylic drawings are bright and enticing. The illustrator also cleverly includes all the other animals of the Chinese zodiac in her drawings; fun for the reader to locate them. This is a great lesson in perseverance and working together as a team to achieve a common goal." ; Library Media Connection2012 was the year of the dragon! Dominic's parents advise the kingdom's Emperor and have high expectations for this high-flying dragon. However, when the boy Bo and the other zodiac animals want to learn paddle boat racing, will Dom sink or swim with them? Find out in the seventh book in the Tales from the Chinese Zodiac series. This latest adventure in the Tales from the Chinese Zodiac follows the Rabbit (2011), Tiger (2010), Ox (2009), Rat (2008), Pig (2007) and Dog (2006). Each book features a unique cast of a dozen creatures. In the Chinese lunar calendar, every year is represented by a special animal, who symbolizes special qualities and whose personality people identify with."If you're looking for a way to further celebrate and explore the New Year, try finding books for your kids. A great kids' book to help teach your kids about the lunar New Year is The Year of the Dragon Tales from the Chinese Zodiac. The story about Dominic and Bo is definitely one you will read to your kids year round." ; QueensMamas.com"a playful spin on the characteristics of a traditional Chinese zodiac animal. It is, in fact, utterly unconventional and that's probably why my girls like it so much." - Frog Mom"The Year of the Dragon is a charming story with themes familiar to many children's books. The underlying message is one of cooperation, friendship, imagination and perseverance. These are by no means unique lessons in children's literature, but Jennifer Wood's whimsical illustrations set the story apart from the rest....You and your child will enjoy this charming story, and I am sure you will be looking for the other Zodiac animal books. The subject matter is not just entertaining, but is informs children about an important aspect of Asian culture. What better way to learn something new than by having fun while doing so?" ; suite101

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Start your own New Year tradition with this series by Oliver Chin. So far, in his Tales from the Chinese Zodiac, he's written a story book for the Dog, Ox, Pig, Rabbit, Rat, Tiger,...and dragon. All are charming little stories that capture the symbolic spirit of the zodiac animal featured. The Year of the Dragon: Tales from the Chinese Zodiac doesn't disappoint. The only book I've found that involves the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival celebrated in June, you read about Dominic the dragon who along with his other zodiac animal friends and a little boy named Bo try to enter the big race. Failing miserably, Dom becomes the boat himself to lead them to a big win. The dragon's symbolic nature of encompassing the nature of the other animals and being wise and powerful shines through the story. And, the silly little pictures will amuse the kids and you. AND, just released, you can get the iPad app for it for only \$3.99. Complete with Chinese style music, you can read it alone or have it read to you, and tapping on characters on each page make them do fun stuff (e.g., dragons puff smoke and people move and make sounds). There are even hidden Chinese coins you can find behind parts of the illustration as you tilt your iPad that explode into lots of coins when you find them. Oodles of fun for iPad junkies. Buy it so that they are motivated to make apps for the rest in the series. Wanna read more reviews of some of my CNY favorites? Check out the January 25th, 2012 blog post on [www\(dot\)myoverthinking\(dot\)com](http://www(dot)myoverthinking(dot)com)

This is a traditional Chinese story/fable, all about the dragon zodiac character (babies born 23 January 2012 - 9 February 2013 and on 12-year cycles in each direction). There is only a little bit of Chinese language (a few words), so this is more of an exposure to the story/culture rather than the language per se. But it's a very fun, colorful book, with a great story.

My niece was born in China and we were so fortunate to be able to welcome her into our family. She is so bright and adventurous and is curious about her culture of origin, thanks so much to the encouragement of my brother and sister-in-law. These stories for kids are a fun way to teach them Chinese mythology and learn in a fun and engaging way.

I bought this book because my daughter was born in the year of the dragon. It's a cute little book with great underlying life lessons. Well written and easy to understand with beautiful illustrations.

I bought this book because my son was born in the year of the dragon. I love the illustrations in this book and my son enjoys it being read to him and looking at the pictures, even my 3 older boys enjoy reading this book.

Yet another creative and inspiring story from the Tales of the Chinese Zodiac series to ring in the Lunar New Year--Dom the Dragon and his pals give new meaning to dragon boats! The Tales of the Chinese Zodiac series has become a Lunar New Year tradition in our house, and my children look forward to each new book every year. Of course, this year's book was yet another favorite, and they still enjoy reading it even though the new year rang in months ago. They also enjoy "The Year of the Dragon" app (Mobad Games) on itunes. Three cheers for the Tales from the Chinese Zodiac series!

It is a book with very good sketch and cute story. The little dragon learns to make friends with all other animals and human. They play together, work together, and finally get the champion of dragon boat match. My son, 21 month old, loves the animals, all 12 Chinese zodiac. He likes to point to the animals and name each of them. I guess it is the beautiful colors attract my son.

This is an awesome book. I purchased it for my granddaughters 1st birthday, she was born in the Year of The Dragon. It is a great child's book and very bright and colorful. We love it. Would highly recommend

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