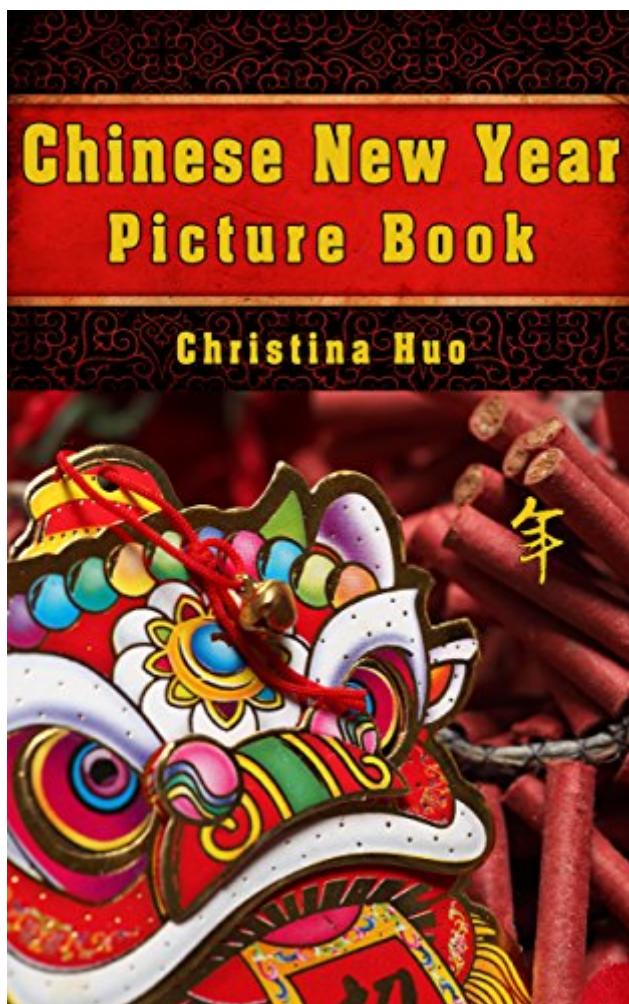


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# Chinese New Year Picture Book: Spring Festival Facts And Stories For Kids And Adults (Chinese Culture For Children Book 3)



## **Synopsis**

This is the third book in Christina Huo's Chinese Culture for Children Series and is a perfect introduction to the history, traditions and food of Chinese New Year for kids and adults. Chapters include:What and When is Chinese New Year?Chinese New Year in Chinese?Chinese Zodiac AnimalsPreceding DaysChinese New Year's EveChinese New Year DaysThe Lantern FestivalDelve into the mythology and customs surrounding this ancient festival and find out how it is still celebrated today all over the world. With beautiful artwork and pictures this book is a must, particularly at this time of year.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'll try not to make this sound like a school book report, but I learned so much from the author and there's so much to tell...Chinese New Year celebrates the hopes for a good harvest and happiness in the coming year. It's also a time to honor deities and ancestors and to show gratitude for the past year. People will travel great distances to share food and traditions with family and friends. The New Year's date changes each year because it is based on an ancient lunar calendar. Lasting 15 days, the last day is celebrated by a lantern festival. This book is informative and fun for all ages and

features gorgeous color photos. (Many of them are of yummy looking food, so have a snack handy.) Also discussed are the Chinese zodiac animals and there is a handy wheel for discovering your own special animal. And now, an anecdote that is not important to Chinese New Year celebrations, but is possibly amusing. When my husband and I were dating, we were warned by a menu in a Chinese restaurant to STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, since I am an ox and he is a sheep. Every year on our anniversary, (23 of them, so far...) hubby looks at me, shakes his head and says, "Avoid the ox." I smile back and say, "Never the sheep." 2015 is the year of the goat (or sheep), and is as good a reason as any to rush to You-Tube and watch some screaming goat videos.

Really enjoyable book covering several sections with handy links from the table of contents including: 1) What and When is Chinese New Year? 2) Chinese New Year in Chinese 3) Chinese Zodiac Animals 4) Preceding Days 5) Chinese New Year's Eve 6) Chinese New Year Days 7) The Last Day of Chinese New Year 8) The Lantern Festival 9) Other Children's Books about Chinese New Year. Illustrations/Photos compliment the wording very well such that I have nothing but praise for this children's book. Excellent!

I am a novice when it comes to the Chinese culture. I am now doing some business in China through the miracle of the Internet and Skype. My business affairs are going to be put on hold during the New Year observance. This book filled the bill quite nicely for me. I now know what is going on during the period of observance. I found this book to be quite comprehensive. It spoke of the history of the holiday, the food, the activities, the beliefs and superstitions involved, as well. I am now familiar with some of the terminology both in the English form and also the Chinese form. The color photos are strikingly beautiful. I see the book is intended for kids. I would add that it is also useful to people like me who enjoy a well written overview of the topic complete with a lot of wonderful photos, paintings and sketches.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book as did my daughter. I wanted to give my daughter an introduction into Chinese culture and this book was perfect. The pictures are absolutely stunning and captivated her from the very first one. Not only did my daughter who is 7 learn a lot but I also discovered a lot about the Chinese New Year. I would highly recommend this book for children and adults alike. It is not too long that children will get bored but it definitely doesn't skimp on detail either.

I don't think there's any better way to learn about a holiday than with pictures. I came into this knowing practically nothing about it, myself, so this was a wonderful way for me to be introduced to a bunch of concepts, and to see those things "in action," as it were.

This book about Chinese New Year is intended for children but anyone of any age will find this fascinating. Until I read this book I never knew the significance of the color red in Chinese culture. It's not only a sign of good luck but also scares off a fearsome creature from Chinese mythology.

Perfect timing! With so many Chinese friends and colleagues, there are still so many things about their culture that I admire but didn't understand. UNTIL THIS BOOK! And with Chinese New Year just around the corner, the timing couldn't have been any better! Thank you!

Love learning about this holiday. I never knew the meaning of all the red and the firecrackers. Beautiful photos and simple language moves this book along and now I want to go out and Celebrate Chinese New Year.

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