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# Kids Around The World Celebrate!: The Best Feasts And Festivals From Many Lands



## Synopsis

Everyone loves a reason to have a good time, and although cultures around the world have their own unique feasts and festivals, we all share many of the same reasons to celebrate. Now you can learn about the many ways people from around the globe celebrate their special days, and join in the fun! Celebrate Chinese New Year while making chiao-tzu dumplings, then pop over to Saudi Arabia and taste delicious date-nut cookies called ma amoul while celebrating Eid ul-Fitr. Make an elaborate Venetian mask to wear at a masquerade ball in Venice during carnevale, then pound out a festive rhythm on the Igbo drum you've made and celebrate the Iriji festival in Nigeria. Eat, drink, and make merry with the many diverse and exciting crafts, recipes, and activities in this book. No matter what language you say it in, celebrations are fun!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

My seven year old son needed to choose and research an international festival for a school project. This is a brilliant little book that's ideal for the 6-9 age group. It covers 16 festivals from around the world (four from the US and the rest from countries as diverse as Saudi Arabia, Italy, Nigeria, Barbados, Israel and China). The festivals are grouped into four categories: New Year festivals, celebrating before and after fasts, giving thanks and renewing the spirit. For each festival it talks about the historical background, what people are celebrating, how they celebrate and the kinds of

foods and decorations that they use. Then for each celebration there is a craft activity and a recipe. As examples, for Año Viejo (an Ecuadorian New Year festival) there are simple instructions for making an Año Viejo puppet and making fruit salad. For the Japanese Festival of the Dead, children can make paper lanterns and soba noodle soup. For Pongal (a Hindu thanksgiving festival celebrated in south-eastern India), children can make a rice based pongal feast and a garland of bells for their pets. For the Brazilian Mardi Gras, children can make a Samba school flag and a Coconut Cooler drink. In all cases, the materials and ingredients are readily obtainable. The book is written in a very engaging way and I learned a lot reading it, even about festivals that I thought I already had a good understanding of. I highly recommend this as a way to encourage your children to learn more about the world around us and its many religions, as well as being a terrific source of fun craft activities. The only improvement that I would make is a calendar to show approximately when these festivals fall within the year.

Very good book with crafts, customs and recipes from all over the world for children to read and learn. Pages are all black and white with interesting information and lots of fun activities. Good for at school or home learning about other countries.

We were looking for something to do with our twins the other night and made a recipe for Chinese new year from this book. It was delicious and lots of fun to do together. Plus the kids loved doing the activities. Highly recommended.

Yes, Thank you!

My daughter and I just made date nut cookies from a recipe in this book. They ended up being disastrous and a rather expensive mistake to make. The ingredient proportions and the oven temperature we obviously incorrect.

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