Chelsea's Chinese New Year (Cloverleaf Books - Holidays And Special Days)
Chelsea's family is celebrating Chinese New Year! Chelsea gets to stay up late. She watches fireworks and a parade with a dragon! She and her family have a big feast. Find out the different ways people celebrate this special day! Learn the history behind the days people celebrate in the Holidays and Special Days series, part of the Cloverleaf Books collection. These nonfiction picture books feature kid-friendly text and illustrations to make learning fun!

**Book Information**

Series: Cloverleaf Books: Holidays and Special Days  
Paperback: 24 pages  
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Shipping Weight: 4.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)  
Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars  
Best Sellers Rank: #325,233 in Books (See Top 100 in Books)  
#22 in Books > Children’s Books > Holidays & Celebrations > Chinese New Year  
#153 in Books > Children’s Books > Geography & Cultures > Multicultural Stories > Asian & Asian American  
#238 in Books > Children’s Books > Holidays & Celebrations > Non-religious  
Age Range: 5 - 7 years  
Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

**Customer Reviews**

This is the Chinese New Year book to read to a child’s preschool class. I wanted to read one for a "family share day" and basically bought all of them from looking for an appropriate one. I thought it was going to be Bringing in the New Year by Grace Lin, but that book was totally not well suited (it just kept repeating "where is the new year? is it here yet?" and the like, which isn’t particularly insightful, and focused a bit too much on money). This book is the perfect representation of Chinese New Year traditions, without too much a focus on money and spirits and luck. It also has enough text to read aloud, but not too much.

I’m a world music teacher and I bought this book for my 5-6 year old students who are learning to
play Chinese percussion music to accompany the Lion and Dragon Dances for Chinese New Year. I bought the Kindle version and display it via iPad/Apple TV on my HDTV. They love it. I am particularly impressed with the illustrations of the Chinese family from San Francisco. Covers the basic New Year traditions. I like the extra details given in a side square in small font--good info for adults who might want to paraphrase for their kids. Its super short: 16 pages & 4 chapters. At the end is a glossary, summary of animal zodiac and more information including websites. A bit spendy for my taste, but it is the only children's CNY book out there for kindle. Red alert: not compatible with the e-ink kindle, maybe due to color? but is great with the kindle app for iPad.

This book explains Chinese New Year for the younger set. I love the size of it--a nice big paperback book (about a 9 1/2" square) with big ole illustrations very similar in style to the Disney Channel's Charlie and Lola. The main character, little Chelsea, explains how her Chinese American family celebrate Chinese New Year, touching on all the traditions either in the text or illustrations. Each page has a little section that gives additional information about the holiday that you can choose to read or skip over to just keep it a story. This one would be great to use in a classroom to read aloud to a group of preschoolers or kindergarteners. See my review of a bunch more CNY children's books on my blog [...] look for the post dated January 25, 2012

This is a good book, it is true to the Chinese tradition and good for kids to learn about Chinese New Year.

What a wonderful book for children to read and enjoy about the Chinese New Year.

The text was done very well to help the reader get a real sense of what Chinese New Year is all about. The cartoon illustrations are nice as well.

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