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Discover shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and more as a little girl finds color in all sorts of everyday things. Many of the featured objects are Asian in origin, others universal: red is the dragon in the Chinese New Year parade, green is a bracelet made of jade, and yellow are the taxis she sees on her street. With rich, boisterous illustrations and colors that leap off the page, this concept picturebook will brighten every child's day!

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Cindy Sarnowski says

This is a book of classic colors. Examples of a variety of objects are used for each color. The book educates the reader to asian items and characters. The illustrations are full of rich colors in broad strokes. At the end of the book, there is a glossary with definitions of all of the newly introduced terms.

Tyler Wansack says

Red is a Dragon: A Book of Colors is a wonderful story about a Chinese girl who finds color all around her life in her Chinese culture. She compares the colors to her Asian culture. I think this would be a great book to read to children who are learning colors for many reasons. First being that it teaches you all of the colors and second because of the Asian cultural aspect and because of that it teaches diversity. I enjoyed how the text was rhyming, making it an easy read. I also enjoyed how colorful and bright the pictures were. It will really draw in a kid's attention. There is a glossary in the back of the book which makes it informative.

Michelle Matash says

This is a great book for ELL learners to use if they are trying to understand the English Language. It give descriptions of multiple things on the page that are all the same color. It introduces words by using color trends. It can be used for all ages. It also has a word bank at the back of the book to tell definitions of unfamiliar vocabulary words.

Sherry Spencer says

My granddaughter loved this creative Chinese book of colors

Tori Augustine says

In this story the little girl discovers a lot about all the colors filled throughout the story. She compares all the colors to something special in her culture. It is really a great story to introduce children to her culture.

Renee says

The rhyming poems and illustrations are culturally authentic and words that may be unfamiliar to children like 'lychee' are defined at the end.

Positively reviewed in SLJ and Horn Book

Alison Reads says

A refreshing addition to books about colors - who wants to read about another red apple when you could read about a red dragon? The plot isn't complex; A young girl finds colors all around in her everyday Chinese culture. Despite its seeming simplicity, its a pleasure to read with a rolling rhythm and bright illustrations.

Both Roseanne Thong and Grace Lin have other delightful books worth checking out. I particularly like Grace Lin's "Dim Sum for Everyone" and Roseanne Thong's "Green is a Chile Pepper." They also collaborated on "Round is a Mooncake" which is a book on shapes using examples influenced by Chinese culture. Their works are an easy way to expose your child to some different cultures while also working on colors and shapes.

Abby Rowe says

This book is great for young children. It shows Chinese New Year concepts and traditions while involving the universal realm of color to teach young ones. It's an awesome way to incorporate multiculturalism and basic concepts.

Sydney Ossege says

A great book to correlate the colors with everyday objects! This book uses a culture unknown to most to describe the culture of a Chinese American little girl and her adventure/discovery of all the colors that are out there. This could be used in a classroom to celebrate Chinese New Years as it shows a dragon and its vibrant colors, or be used to help the classroom correlate the difference of colors and the commonalities that are found between cultures and colors (such as taxis being yellow).

Jennifer Ganzermiller says

My students loved this book.

Krystal Shoop-Hardin says

This beautiful book honors the "Chinese culture" with impressive illustrations of rainbow colors and rhyming text. There is also an informative glossary in the back of the book. A little girl discovers the rainbow of colors in the world around her in this vibrant picture book. This book would be good for teaching colors, shapes, different cultures, Asian life, and poetry. As always, Grace Lin's Art work in pictures is outstanding!

Atsupui Dogbla says

I think that this book is written like a poem for young children. There are rhymes used that are fascinating young children; reading this story to them may help them have fun. It's very good for beginners: toddlers.

La Coccinelle says

I'm kind of underwhelmed. This book of colours shows them off well enough, but I wasn't crazy about the illustrations (some are fine, but in others the people are drawn in a style that looks too simple and almost... I don't know... incomplete?) and the rhyming text is really clunky in places. The whole book has a Chinese flavour, highlighting objects in various colours (there's a bit of a glossary at the back, explaining what some things are: dumplings, silk fans, bottle gourds, etc.). However, since I just read the delightful *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas* --which also explained a bit about Chinese cultural symbols--*Red Is a Dragon* had a lot of live up to. Unfortunately, it didn't quite get there.

Quotable moment:

Carolyn Jeziorski says

This is a nice read aloud about colors that features Asian characters. We read this aloud, and the colors on some pages (the yellow/orange) were confusing. The kids had a hard time guessing the white theme as well.

Krista says

I used this book to help my little girl learn about color. She loves the pictures in this book. I also love the words, introducing her to different cultures through them. We read the book, then in the back there is a vocab page. We then talked about the different words. This is an amazing book with very nice illustrations. Glad I purchased this, will be on our shelf for awhile!
