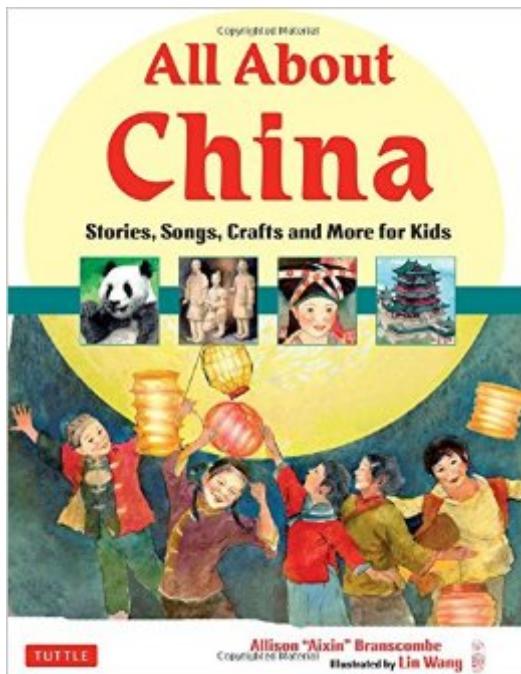


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# All About China: Stories, Songs, Crafts And More For Kids



## Synopsis

\*\*Winner of Creative Child Magazine 2015 Preferred Choice Award\*\*\*\*Winner of the Independent Publisher Book Award Silver Medal\*\*\*\*Winner of Moonbeam Children's Book Awards 2015 Silver Medal\*\*Take the whole family on a whirlwind tour of Chinese history and culture with this delightfully illustrated book that is packed with stories, activities and games. Travel from the stone age through the dynasties to the present day with songs and crafts for kids that will teach them about Chinese language and the Chinese way of life. All About China is the next best thing to being there! China is the world's largest and most populated country boasting thousands of years of history, tradition and culture. In All About China, you'll: Discover the fantastic Chinese tales about the creation of the earth and the origin of the Moon Goddess; Dive into China's multifaceted cultural heritage, visit breathtaking places and learn Chinese folk songs; Take a crack at solving a tangram shape puzzle; Learn about the twelve Chinese zodiac animals; Try your hand at making a traditional brush painting of a panda, bamboo and other subjects. All About China is an exciting and captivating introduction to the country, featuring page after page of colorful illustrations, interesting stories, amazing facts, cultural insights, engaging activities and much more. Young readers will embark on a fascinating journey through the many faces of this country, meeting its people and examining its landscape, culture and historical tapestry.

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## Customer Reviews

Allison Branscombe, author, and illustrator Lin Wang have produced a book that is at once engaging, colorful and educational without preaching what the reader must learn. Written for children and young adults, so much of the content was enlightening for me as an adult! The subjects of religion, culture, traditions, food, the arts, dynasties and more were discussed and illustrated in such a way that helped the reader comprehend the country of China and its people. "All About China: Stories, Songs, Crafts and More for Kids" should be in every classroom and home for it opens our eyes to a distant culture made accessible by Allison and Lin. Brava ----- Great job!

"All About China" has it all - a vision of what living in China is like, filled with crafts, illustrations and information that will appeal to kids. My daughter loved the recipes. This is an excellent book for all kids, but especially for children adopted from China as it celebrates the culture, history and uniqueness of China in a lovely and highly accessible way. Highest recommendation!

All About China is a lovely balance of story and history, facts and culture, stunningly illustrated on every page with color and detail that kids (and adults) will return to and enjoy, noticing something new each time. The book is a visual feast, and the illustrations do pair perfectly with the text in every single section -- so that even young readers (or non-readers) will enjoy poring over each page. From cool "did you know?" kinds of facts about China's history, to its inventions, myths, games, culture, crafts and family-friendly recipes, this is a great primer on a fascinating country. I liked very much that the author didn't drag out the usual/generic stories and facts. Her mix of information is different and useful, and seems chosen with love: from calligraphy lessons to moon cake recipes for the Chinese New Year, from typical Chinese pets to how to sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Mandarin. (Because, why not?) Note: other reviewers have mentioned that it's "accessible." That's true -- almost any background or reading ability will find a way to access the knowledge in this beautifully packed book. But "accessible" doesn't mean dumbed down: I studied Chinese history in college, and I still learned a few things! I bought this book for a Chinese friend's daughter, as well as for young relatives who were born in China but adopted into my family. They've all loved it. I'm considering buying another as a gift to our elementary school library.

What a beautiful book Allison Branscombe has produced! She has covered so many worthwhile subjects that would be of interest to children and adults alike. The illustrations are beyond beautiful.

Lin Wang is such a talented artist! I can't imagine the number of hours it took to produce such a wonderful volume. I recommend this to any child who loves learning about other children and other cultures. China really comes alive in all the words, illustrations, games, crafts, and all the other activities that foster learning by seeing and doing. This kind of knowledge engenders a deep appreciation and love of the Chinese culture. There is no better way to do away with prejudice and ignorance. There is no better way to appreciate the Chinese way of life than to understand its history, art, food, customs and folklore. This book leads the reader to do all of this through a most magnificent and enriching journey.

What an engaging and comprehensive introduction for children of all ages to the vast riches of Chinese history and culture! Opening this book is akin to diving into a treasure chest. Little nuggets of gold easily accessible thanks to both the enticing story telling and the exquisite illustrations. The presentation of the different topics is perfectly paced: ideal to hold the attention of even the very young, yet sufficiently informative for those who wish to dwell and reflect on a specific subject. Alison Branscombe has captured the spirit of China's multi-faceted culture and offered memorable stories, songs, games and more as a delightful, colorful feast for all the senses. Children will return time and again to relive the excitement and pleasure of discovery, enhancing their knowledge and just having fun! A great resource for the individual reader but also an invitation to bring readers together in group activities.

I purchased Allison Branscombe's wonderful book "All About China" at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. I respect their selections; they seldom steer me wrong - and this book was no exception. Written as a children's book, it provides layer upon layer of history, facts & myths, cultural information (including language, festivals, music, poetry, art, crafts), and literature -- with gorgeous illustrations (by Lin Wang) -- and will appeal to all ages. Having taught World History at the high school level for over 30 years, I am especially impressed with the job Branscombe has accomplished of culling out the most important and interesting facets on China, while maintaining the integrity and high interest of a book for youngsters. I bought the book to share with my grand nieces and nephews, and highly recommend it. They love it.

This is a great activity-filled, information PACKED book that teaches you about life as it is and was in China. It talks about the dynasties of China, daily life in China, games and traditions of China, and much more! There is a huge diversity in the things to read about. Ms. Branscombe has written a

wonderful encyclopedia-like resource. Lin Wang's illustrations bring the book to life. They are realistic and captivating. I could see schools or homeschool families using this book to teach a whole unit on China.\*NOTE\* I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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