

**Celebrations of Different Cultures: A Multicultural Bibliography  
(Pre-K thru Second Grade)**

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- Compestine, Y. C. (2006). D is for dragon dance. New York, Holiday House.  
This alphabet book highlights things that correspond to the Chinese New Year and explains the significance of each item. The end of the book includes recipes for foods that are eaten at New Year celebrations. Illustrated by Yongsheng Xuan. Pages: 32
- Fishman, C. G. (2000). On purim. New York, Antheum Books.  
As she and her family prepare for the Jewish festival of Purim, a little girl understands why its story is important and why we celebrate today. Illustrated by Melanie W. Hall. Pages: 32
- Joseph, L. (1998). Jump up time: a trinidad carnival story. New York, Houghton Mifflin.  
Little Lily desperately wants to dance in Carnival but she is not old enough. The story follows Lily as she watches her older sister and the rest of the town prepare for Carnival. In the end she discovers that it is not the costume you wear that matters but the fun you are having. Illustrated by Linda Saport. Pages: 32
- Keep, R. (2004). Clatter bash! a day of the dead celebration. Atlanta, Peachtree.  
A rhyming, bilingual book that shows what fun the Day of the Dead can be. Illustrated by Richard Keep. Pages: 30
- Pinkney, A. D. (1993). Seven candles for kwanzaa. New York, Dial Books.  
This picture book follows a family as they prepare for and celebrate Kwanzaa. The story takes place throughout all 7 nights of Kwanzaa- explaining the significance and values of each night and highlight the culture and lessons the holiday celebrates. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Pages: 32
- Shaik, F. (1999). On mardi gras day. New York, Dial books.  
This work highlights how children in New Orleans celebrate Mardi Gras. The brother and sister duo in the story spend the day celebrating with other cultures and children in their neighborhood. Illustrated by Flyod Cooper. Pages: 32
- Tokunbo, D. (2009). The sound of kwanzaa. New York, Scholastic.  
Filled with rhythmic verses, this repetitive book explains the vocabulary behind Kwanzaa. Each vocabulary word coincides with one evening of celebration and highlights the values behind Kwanzaa. The end of the book also includes recipes. Illustrated by Lisa Cohen. Pages: 26

Udin, A. M.-. (2007). The best Eid ever. Homesdale, Boyds Mill  
Missing her parents who are in Saudi Arabia on a pilgrimage, little Aneesa celebrates Eid with her grandmother through food, prayer, and gifts. When Aneesa encounters two girls who are less fortunate than her, she learns the essence of Eid and celebrates in helping others. Illustrated by Laura Jacobsen. Pages: 32

Weber, E. (2009). The Yankee at seder. Berkley, Tricycle Press.  
A young boy in the South finds that his parents have welcomed a Yankee soldier into their home for Passover. As they share the Seder the boy comes to realize the meaning of Passover and some of the key values of Judaism. Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Pages: 36