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Everybody Cooks Rice (Carolrhoda Picture Books)





Synopsis

A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited.

Book Information

Series: Carolrhoda Picture Books Paperback: 32 pages Publisher: Carolrhoda Books; Revised ed. edition (November 1, 1992) Language: English ISBN-10: 0876145918 ISBN-13: 978-0876145913 Product Dimensions: 8.9 × 0.1 × 7.3 inches Shipping Weight: 7.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (24 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #40,999 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #23 in Books > Children's Books > Geography & Cultures > Cultural Studies > Customs, Traditions, Anthropology #47 in Books > Children's Books > Children's Cookbooks #3110 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction Age Range: 6 - 9 years Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

"Go call your brother to dinner!" So starts an adventure that bridges cultural diversity as the older sister goes from house to house in her neighborhood trying to find her little brother. In each house we meet lovable neighbors, each from different parts of the world, and as the title explains, each family is preparing dinner with - - - RICE! Can you imagine why little brother is not really very hungry when he gets home?My sons and I enjoy the colorful pictures, the contrasts in each home, and have actually used the recipes to prepare meals that we share.

Tihs book is a great tool to use in a multi-cultural classroom. The book teaches that although people all look different, they are also the same. When the child is sent through the neighborhood, she discovers that everybody eats rice, just in different ways. So really, everyone is the same. I read it to my class, and they loved it! :-)

Read this story to them. Then photocopy the recipe pages. Eating and preparing international rice recipes then become playacting, for this book is all about how, in a multicultural neighborhood, in one delightful evening, all of the households prepare special, spicy and indigenous dishes with this one simple staple. It is a story of our differences. It is a story of our similaries. Moreover, it is a celebration of how rice is the canvas upon which we paint our works of culinary imagination.

As a story, this did not hold anyones interest for very long. However, the use of food-- rice, as the common ground for families in this multicultural neighborhood, has an understanding appeal. Simple recipes make it an ideal tool to use at home as well as in the classroom.

This was a big disappointment. Hardly any pictures of the food or any of the people cooking, that where clear enough to really see what was going on. too much text about nothing worth while. It did not catch the attention of my four year old, nor mine. We have still to get all the way through it

I disagree with the reviewer here who complained about this book not showing cultural unity. How much more unified can you get than a boy sharing meals at his friends houses? If we want to promote understanding others cultures, you could hardly start at a better place than breaking bread together. Food is one of the ways we show love to our families and others. My children and I thought the book was great, and will be exploring other, similar titles.

This book was good for community building. I wanted a book that would evoke discussion and open sharing about different cultures. It worked! My whole class connected with this story- All ethnic backgrounds (Caucasian too). I guess it's true that everybody does cook rice!

I was looking for a book about rice to go with a program I made about rice and rice terraces. This book was perfect. It was a short story complete with recipes about how different families from different cultures cook rice in a neighborhood. Inexpensive too.

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