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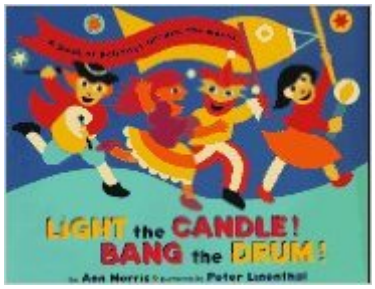

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Synopsis

Light the candles! Ring the bells! Dance and sing! Cultural and religious holidays are very important to children, marking festive occasions both at home and at school. This bright nonfiction picture book serves as the perfect introduction for the very young to celebrations around the world. Many of the holidays like Thanksgiving and Halloween are familiar to American children. Others, such as St. Lucia's Day and Diwali, may be new to them. Each of the twenty-four holidays is illustrated with cut-paper pictures full to bursting with brilliant colors and bold shapes. Along with simple descriptions, they convey the mood,symbols, and incredible diversity of the festivities. Detailed notes at the end of the book tell more about each holiday.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This is a very brightly designed book that has fantastic illustrations. The text is easy to read for a first level reader. More importantly, each holiday has a detailed explaination in the back of the book. Great illustrations by Peter Linenthal. The only complaint I have is that the author chose the Jewish holiday of Hannakah instead of Passsover or Rosh Hashana. Hannakah is a minor holiday.

Well, I have to say that my 10 month old loves this book. He usually grabs this one if he's not in sleepy mode. I am glad to have a book like this that is colorful, full of happy faces and will entertain a wide age range.Unfortunately, the pages are a little thin/weak and have quickly been destroyed by my child. To be expected from an infant, but I would appreciate slightly thicker, more durable pages

since this is a book geared towards kids that can be useful for many years.The picture for Dia de los Muertos is a bit off, since it is not a time that kids play with pinatas. Maybe some other inaccuracies in the book, but otherwise I like the entertainment value of the book with a nod towards intercultural understanding. I will probably be buying another copy when my child is a bit older.

I love the illustrations in this book and it is one of my children's favorites. I'm giving it 4 stars instead of 5 because when it describes the Fourth of July it states "When freedom first rang on our land", I don't feel comfortable with that line. We cannot say that the indigenous people of this land weren't free before being invaded.

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