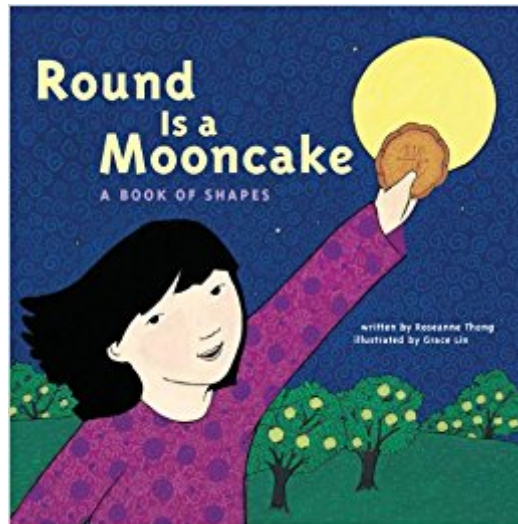




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# Round Is A Mooncake: A Book Of Shapes



## Synopsis

A little girl's urban neighborhood becomes a discovery ground for all things round, square, and rectangular in this lyrical picture book. Most items are Asian in origin, others universal: round rice bowls and a found pebble, square dim sum and the boxes that the pizzas come in, rectangular Chinese lace and a very special pencil case. Bright, whimsical art accompanies the narrative rhyme, and a short glossary adds cultural significance to the objects featured in the book. Perfect for read-alouds or one-on-one sharing.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Debut author Thong cleverly uses a concept book to celebrate Chinese culture. "Round is a mooncake/ Round is the moon/ Round are the lanterns/ outside my room," explains the unnamed young heroine as she takes the reader on a tour of her neighborhood, where circles, squares and rectangles abound. Lin's (The Ugly Vegetables) full-bleed, double-page gouache pictures, radiant with traditional Chinese colors and patterns, offer a witty melange of the old and new, the cultural and the universal, the everyday and (for most of the audience, anyway) the exotic. A family feasts on pizza and dim sum, both of which come in square boxes; her father talks on his rectangular cell phone while the narrator practices the ancient art of ink writing using a rectangular inking stone and paintbrush rack. A brief glossary on the final page explains the meaning and role of Asian words and things that appear in the book. Tipping its hat to both the melting pot and ethnic pride, this

makes an enchanting primer for children of all backgrounds. Ages 2-5. (Sept.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-K-This concept book prompts children to look at circles, squares, and rectangles through the eyes of a Chinese girl. The rhyming text describes things like dim sum, inking stones, lucky money, and an abacus as they relate to the various shapes. The last page defines unfamiliar terms. The rhymes, at times perfectly structured but sometimes somewhat forced, lack a consistent beat, which makes this a challenging read-aloud. "Round is a mooncake/Round is the moon/Round are the lanterns/outside my room/Round is a pebble/that I found/A bowl of goldfish/that make no sound." The illustrations, brilliantly colored gouache paintings outlined in black, are large, crisp, and inviting. A useful purchase for young patrons interested in Chinese culture.Linda M. Kenton, San Rafael Public Library, CA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book is an excellent book to teach shapes. The drawings are magnificent. Children love to look at this book.

Good book

Very cute book, but my son isn't into it.

Daughter purchased this book for her daughter's preschool. It's a great book for young minds!

This book was very engaging for my students with ASD (K-1). The brightly colored illustrations and simpler, clear language used engages and inspires my young readers. Love this author.

We read 3-5 books to our 28 month old son everynight. To keep from getting bored, I purchase new books every month to reflect the holidays/seasons. Although Chinese New Year is long past, we still read this book every night - along with Red is a Dragon and Dim Sum for Everyone! The pictures are gorgous; prose is clear yet still vibrant. This author has a real talent for creating age appropriate material but not "dumbing it down" or being "too cutesy." Totally recomend this book. It does a wonderful job of teaching shapes ... and after every shape it asks "what else do you see that is this shape?" We use this question as a prompt for my son to look around his room for the

same shape. Really brilliant piece of writing for young children.

The book is great! The book was stuffed in my mailbox so when I received the book it was bent in 4 corners.

Sweet book

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