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Teach Me More Chinese (Paperback And Audio CD): A Musical Journey Through The Year



Synopsis

A Musical Journey Through the Year Travel through the year visit a beach & farm, enjoy a picnic & birthday party, explore museums & celebrate holidays. Songs include: Day-O, Going to the Zoo, Silent Night, Tingalayo and more! 45-minute audio and 20-page book.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This second CD sounds somewhat better than the first one. English part on this CD is awesome - both the background music and the voices sound professionally done. The problem with Chinese is not that the vocalists are bad - for the most part they sound decent - but no matter how good voice you may have if you keep on trying to squish 5 - 10 syllables into a beat of music that can accommodate harmoniously only one or two - it's not going to work. The music on this CD was created to accommodate English verses. When these English verses got translated to Chinese, the number of Chinese syllables that has to fit into the same music constantly comes out as being either not enough or too much. It makes me wonder if musicians who were involved in creating these songs didn't have ears to hear how bad the combination sounds, or they didn't care, or thought that kids for whom it was made, would either not notice or care. This recording could've been done beautifully if instead of using popular western music to accompany Chinese verses, they picked perhaps some Chinese music. For example videos for learning Chinese for kids - with Mei Mei or with Jade, have songs that sound million times better than the songs on this CD.

This CD is an excellent compliment to the first Teach Me Chinese CD. My son has listened to these CD's frequently since he was born (in 2000) and he really likes these CD's. I prefer the "Teach Me" CD's over the "Sing 'n Learn" as the voices are better, the songs are sung in English too, and the dialog between songs reinforces the topics covered in the songs. There aren't very many professional quality language cd's for children out there. Between Sing 'N Learn Chinese and Teach Me (More) Chinese, I definitely think the Teach Me series is executed more professionally with a more pleasing result.

I was very disappointed with both the CD and the book. For one, the Chinese songs on the CD are English songs that have been awkwardly translated into Chinese - making for numerous, numerous instances of rushed lines and syllables, as well as contracted or dropped syllables/words. Additionally, they're not exact translations, either - the last line of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" (which, in English, is traditionally "Head, shoulders, knees and toes!") becomes, in Chinese, "Eyes, ears, mouth, nose, clap hands!" I also found the vocals to be horrendous. The English vocals are fairly standard kid's music fare - annoyingly cutesy/sweet/"dreamy". The Chinese vocals are, for the most part, a screechy mess. The only reason I gave this item 2 stars is because my son, despite what I think, likes the CD. And, to be fair, the spoken Chinese sections aren't that bad - plus, it's one of the few widely available Chinese language learning products for children.

my daughter has the chinese, spanish and french editions. the songs are great. i especially appreciate that the songs are the same in each edition. that repetition makes it easy for children to learn the songs in various languages.

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