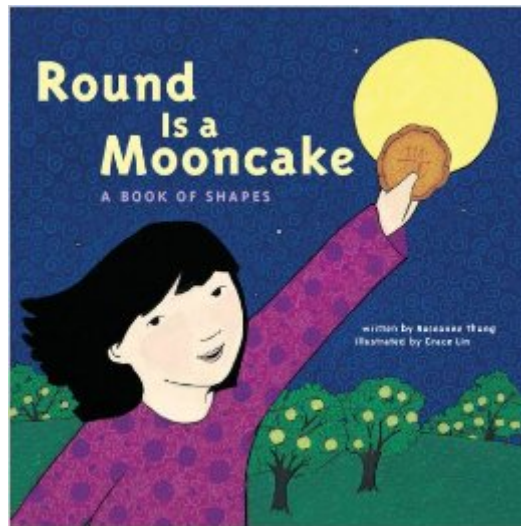


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# Round Is A Mooncake: A Book Of Shapes



## 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

Fabulous. This book reminds me of San Francisco. The colors in the art are breathtaking--this is a great book to introduce Asian culture, while also teaching shapes!

This is *\*not\** a toddler only shape book at all! I read this to a mixed age 6-9 year old class & they got alot out of it. It was for Autumn Moon Festival but you cd/ do it for any China intro. I also passed around things from the book: a Chinese teacup with no handle, an abacus, a chop, the chop ink's square box was 'the box my cats sleep in' although mine were plastic tiger, panther & lion! Even if you had nothing I don't think it wd/ be difficult to buy a few cheaply at your local Asian food store or borrow things from friends & parents.

My daughter is from China, so combining the Chinese cultural lessons with learning about shapes was "double the fun"! She loves the illustrations and the story and enjoys looking for more shapes in the pictures by herself. This has become one of her favorites, along w/all the other books that have been written and/or illustrated by Grace Lin. It's a fun teaching tool for learning about shapes... I was a little surprised, however, that they did circles, squares and rectangles, but no triangles... Overall though, it's a great book!

this is a nice book just as a shape book but also for the chinese and american objects - nice combinations of pizza and dim sum in the square section. all kids will recognize shapes and be introduced to new objects. we're using it for a family literacy night highlighting diversity - it's short enough and interactive.

3 of our children age between 2 and 7 loved this book! The colours and illustrations are great, the rhyming works well. The 2 year old loves the pictures, the 3 year old loves finding the shapes, and the unusual items named such as 'Chops, radish cakes, inking stones' which follow its Chinese theme are fascinating for our 7 year old, and we have had some great discussions. There is a childrens glossary at the back which explains the more unusual items, he loves this also. All the characters portrayed are Chinese. Much better than the usual shapes finding books!

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.

Children are very curious. They are often making connections about the world around them. This book helps them. By taking them on a journey through a Chinese inspired world, children can see how basic shapes are around them. By the tittle along, round is mooncake at night and rectangles are inking stones paintbrush racks. Through reading this book, children can learn two very important piece of information. First is the power of observation. After reading this book, take a walk around

your house and you children will be surprised by how many amazing shapes they can find. The next is a little about Chinese culture. You can talk about the text, the dress and more. This book is so much fun to read out loud. The kids love the amazing illustrations and the text is very informative.

A book both boys and girls will find enjoyable, as stated by parents I have surveyed. Round as a Mooncake presents shaped items children come across when living in or near an Asian community, or if they have Asian friends. This book does an excellent job introducing words and terms to children from a time-rich culture (i.e., mooncake, name chop, lucky money). The illustrations capture one's attention. The colors of the images presented are rich and vibrant. There are enough well known objects children recognize to be comfortable with if not familiar with some of the new terms (i.e., pizza, window, cell phones. The glossary is an added bonus, introducing resources for children.

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