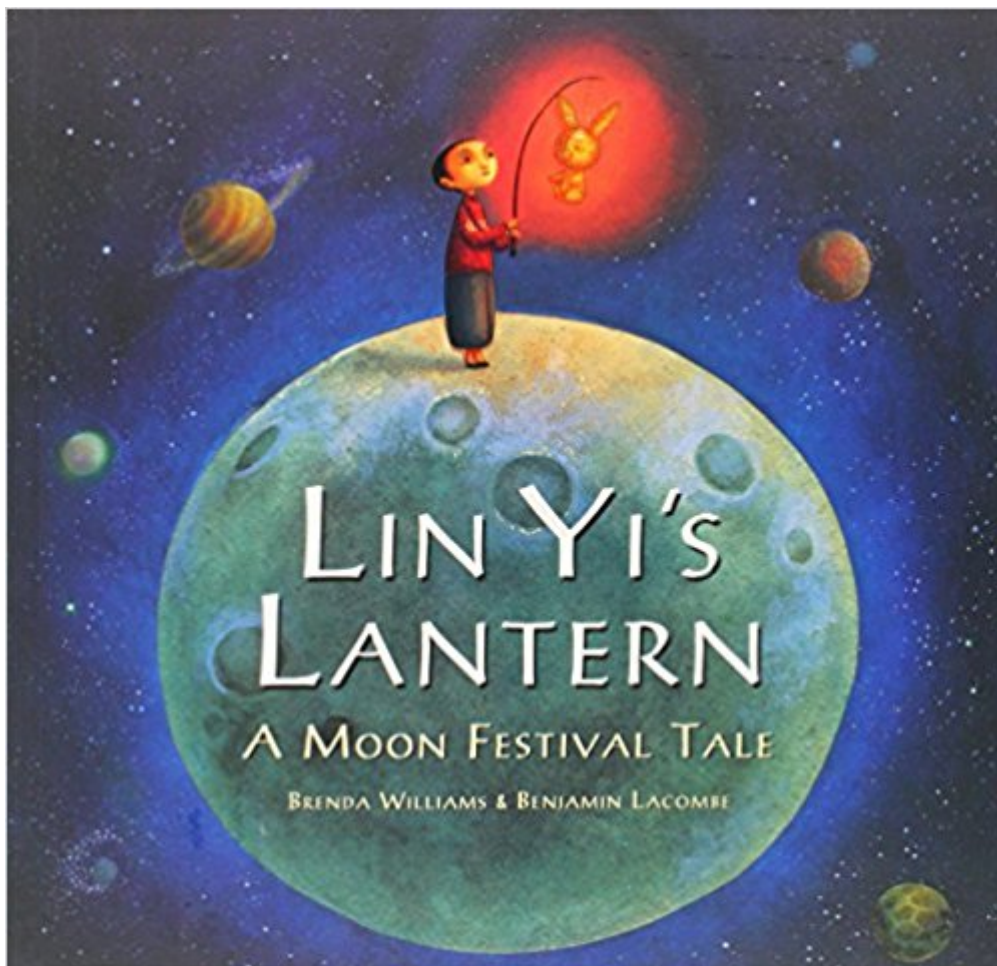


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# Lin Yi's Lantern



## Synopsis

Lin Yi's mother has sent him to the local market to buy food for the Moon Festival, but what he really wants is a red rabbit lantern. Will he barter well enough to be able to buy one? Benjamin Lacombe's vivid illustrations are the perfect complement to Brenda Williams' gentle story.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3  
A Chinese boy heads to market to shop for items for the upcoming Moon Festival. His mother warns him that if he wishes to purchase the red rabbit lantern that he's longed for, he must bargain carefully. Lin Yi repeats the shopping list faithfully to himself: "moon cakes, star fruit, rice, yams and...and I mustn't forget the peanuts for Uncle Hui." Walking through the busy marketplace, he resists toffee apples, fragrant rice, and a dough figure, delaying his gratification in hopes of attaining the lantern. Despite his best efforts, however, toward the end of his trip he realizes that he won't be able to afford both peanuts and the lantern. His selflessness in choosing the peanuts is rewarded when his uncle arrives with a gift—a red rabbit lantern. Gouache illustrations in mostly red, blue, and purple tones are highlighted with numerous origami paper designs. Back matter has notes about the traditional legend of the moon fairy, instructions for making a Chinese lantern, and a discussion of market life in China. This book sheds light on a

unique cultural tradition. — Madigan McGillicuddy, Los Angeles Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

It is the night of the Moon Festival, and Lin Yi is sent to the market for specific items. He longs for a red rabbit lantern but may only buy one if he has money left over. Although he bargains well for each item, a disappointed Lin Yi returns home only with the things on his list. All ends happily, however, when his uncle surprises him with the very lantern he desired. Handsome, stylized gouache illustrations portray the Chinese characters and scenes from a variety of perspectives. In shades of mauve, the double-page spread of an obedient but forlorn Lin Yi pedaling home is especially affecting. The back matter includes an informative note about market life in China, an abbreviated retelling of The Legend of the Moon Fairy, and directions for making a simple Chinese lantern. The length of the narrative and accompanying cultural information make this an excellent supplement for primary multicultural units. Grades K-3. --Linda Perkins --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

It's amazing how a book published in 2009 can be so skewed in terms of accuracy. Characters in the story wear outfits that belonged to historical periods that were hundreds of years apart, or not Chinese at all! Great for critical analysis. Definitely won't recommend it unless you are aware of the flaws of illustrations and information.

This was a great book to engage 4-5 years old in the celebration of the Mid Autumn Festival as well as introduce them to the Chinese culture. The pictures were wonderful, conveyed the story and the emotions well. The story was interesting enough to keep the kids engaged. I loved the repetitive use of the shopping list! When I was reading to a group of kids, I got the kids to help me remember the last item. "PEANUTS!!" they all shouted. Alas, it may be too long/complicated for 3 years old, I started losing a few of them half way through.

My five-year olds and I really enjoy this book. The illustrations are beautifully done, and the story is nice. I appreciate that the paperback cover and pages are of a good, sturdy quality. At the end there are instructions for making a paper lantern, which is a nice, simple activity to tie in.

This book was purchased for a multicultural theme kit. It was perfect! The story really teaches a

valuable lesson about selflessness while introducing children to an experience in a Chinese market. Lin Yi is a character that children can relate to and the illustrations are beautifully done. I read it to my son and he was mesmerized by the pictures! I love this story- it speaks right to the heart of the children and myself.

I sent this book to a beloved child, 3 years old. His Mother is from China. She loved it as much as he did. The story took her back to her childhood memories of China, paper lanterns and moon celebrations. It prompted her to make paper lanterns with her son. She loved the story of the thoughtfulness and cleverness of the main character, Lin Yi. Her son wanted to read the book over and over. It gave me a warm feeling to know that the story was not only enjoyable and educational but had that wonderful quality of letting loose memories that warmed the heart. My friend told me that she could hardly believe that the story was not written by someone from China, so factual and correct were the descriptions. It is certainly a book to treasure.

Gorgeous illustrations...and lovely story.

Great book and beautiful illustrations.

This book teaches kids a valuable lesson of patience and staying true to your word. I would recommend this to anyone with a child in general, and my kids love this book as well.

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