

A Year Of Festivals: Buddhist Festivals Through The Year

Inside Buddhism covers the development, spread, teachings, practices, holy days, and festivals of a religion that began with the life of Siddhartha Gautama in the 5th century B.C. In addition to historical and practical information, this book provides review questions, questions for discussion, key word lists, a test, and an answer key. These features facilitate student assimilation of a religion practiced by an estimated 324 million people around the globe. Whether your objective is a comprehensive study of Buddhism or a simple overview, this book affords you the means to easily accomplish either one. You will be delighted to observe your students' growing understanding of the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Buddhist religion.

They may shave their heads, don simple robes, and renounce materialism and worldly desires. But the women seeking enlightenment in a Buddhist nunnery high in the folds of the Himalayas invariably find themselves subject to the tyrannies of subsistence, subordination, and sexuality. Ultimately, Buddhist monasticism reflects the very world it is supposed to renounce. This book is as critical to monastic life as merit and meditation. Kim Gutschow lived for more than three years among these women, collecting their stories, observing their ways, studying their lives. This book offers the first ethnography of Tibetan Buddhist society from the perspective of its nuns. Gutschow depicts a gender hierarchy where nuns serve and monks direct, where monks are revered while nuns toil in them. Monasteries may retain historical endowments and significant political and social power, yet global flows of capitalism, tourism, and feminism have begun to erode the power between monks and nuns. Despite the obstacles of being considered impure and inferior, nuns engage in everyday forms of resistance to pursue their ascetic and personal goals. This picture of the little known culture of a Buddhist nunnery, the book offers moving narratives of nuns struggling with the Buddhist discipline of detachment. Its analysis of the way in which sexuality construct ritual and social power provides valuable insight into the relationship between women and religion in South Asia today.

Join Rachel, Kirsty and the Festival Fairies as they help to make special celebrations everywhere run smoothly with the help of fairy magic. Be the Buddha Day Fairy looks after the children when naughty Jack Frost steals her precious candle, celebrations of Buddha's birthday run into difficulties. Can the girls help Bea save the day? Don't miss the rest of the Festival Fairies: Diwali Fairy, Hana the Hanukkah Fairy and Elisha the Eid Fairy. 'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com If you like Rainbow Magic, check out Daisy the Unicorn series: Magic Animal Friends and Unicorn Magic!

Chinese Festivals

Buddhist Festivals

Hindu-Buddhist Festivals of Nepal

The Encyclopedia of World Religions

A Year of Celebrations

Largely unstudied until now, the religious festivals that attracted Chinese people from all walks of life provide the most instructive examples of the interaction between Chinese forms of social life and the Indian tradition of Buddhism. Stephen Teiser examines one of the most important of such annual celebrations. He provides a comprehensive interpretation of the festivities of the seventh lunar month, in which laypeople presented offerings to Buddhist monks to gain salvation for their ancestors. Teiser uncovers a wide range of sources, many translated or analyzed for the first time in any language, to demonstrate how the symbolism, rituals, and mythology of the ghost festival pervaded the social landscape of medieval China.

A Year of Buddhist Festivals Franklin Watts

Buddhism: A Complete Introduction is a comprehensive and easy-to-use introduction, designed to give you everything you need to succeed, all in one place. Written by a leading expert, this book will help you if you are studying for an important exam or essay, or if you simply want to improve your knowledge. It is structured to mirror the way in which Buddhism is usually taught, starting with the life of the Buddha through to the prospects of Buddhism for the next generation. The book covers all the key areas that are considered central to Buddhism, including the Buddha's teachings, the scriptures and schools, the role of meditation and the moral and ethical context. It uses jargon-free English and includes features such as guided further reading and end of chapter questions to ensure that you understand all the concepts covered. Buddhism: A Complete Introduction includes:

Chapter 1: Buddhists and Buddhism Chapter 2: The life of the Buddha Chapter 3: The Buddha's teaching Chapter 4: Buddhist scriptures and schools Chapter 5: Meditation and devotion Chapter 6: Ethical conduct Chapter 7: Moral Issues Chapter 8: The social order Chapter 9: Festivals and ceremonies Chapter 10: Buddhist today: East and West Chapter 11: Transition, adaptation and influence: prospects for Buddhism in the twenty-first century Learn effortlessly with a new easy-to-read page design and added features: Not got much time? One, five and ten-minute introductions to key principles to get you started. Author insights Lots of instant help with common problems and quick tips for success, based on the author's many years of experience. Test yourself Tests in the book and online to keep track of your progress. Extend your knowledge Extra online articles to give you a richer

understanding of psychology. Five things to remember Quick refreshers to help you remember the key facts. Try this Innovative exercises illustrate what you've learnt and how to use it.

Religious Celebrations: An Encyclopedia of Holidays, Festivals, Solemn Observances, and Spiritual Commemorations [2 volumes]

The Festival Fairies Book 4

Buddhism In A Week: Teach Yourself

Buddhist Festivals for the Dead in Southeast China

Buddhist World of Southeast Asia, The

Learn in a week, remember for a lifetime! In just one week, this accessible book will give you knowledge to last forever. End of chapter summaries and multiple choice questions are all designed to help you test your knowledge and gain confidence. So whether you are a student or you simply want to widen your knowledge, you will find this seven-day course a very memorable introduction. Sunday: Consider what Buddhism is and why it matters Monday: Learn who the Buddha was and how he lived Tuesday: Examine the Buddha's teaching on a wide range of issues Wednesday: Discover the Buddhist scriptures and learn how they are interpreted today. Thursday: Explore meditation and Buddhist devotional practices. Friday: Engage with the ethics of Buddhism, and how Buddhists respond to moral issues Saturday: Clarify procedures for disciplinary interviews Introduces the main religious festivals of Buddhism, telling the story behind each festival, describing how it is celebrated around the world, and providing instructions for related activities.

This volume is a collection of all-new original essays covering everything from feminist to postcolonial readings of the play as well as source queries and analyses of historical performances of the play. The Merchant of Venice is a collection of seventeen new essays that explore the concepts of anti-Semitism, the work of Christopher Marlowe, the politics of commerce and making the play palatable to a modern audience. The characters, Portia and Shylock, are examined in fascinating detail. With in-depth analyses of the text, the play in performance and individual characters, this book promises to be the essential resource on the play for all Shakespeare enthusiasts.

Inside Buddhism

A guide to the religions and celebrations in our multicultural society

Celebrating Buddhist Festivals

South Korea

Bea the Buddha Day Fairy

Describes how the culture of South Korea is reflected in its many festivals including Lunar New Year, Buddha's Birthday, and National Foundation Day.

It's time to celebrate, Thai style! Thai Celebrations for Children showcases the rich culture and colorful festivals of the Thai people. The charming illustrations and engaging text bring to life the incredible pageantry and symbolism of Thailand's many traditional celebrations—from family anniversaries to national holidays—in a way kids will enjoy. Have you ever been to an event honoring elephants? Or seen a flying lantern? Do you know why people throw water on each other at the Sonkran Festival? Kids will discover time-honored traditions and find the answers to fascinating questions within the pages of this book. Enjoy the celebrations at home with: An exciting exploration of everything from the Bor Sang Umbrella Festival to Thai National Elephant Day Instructions for making a Phi Ta Khon ghost mask A step-by-step guide to making your own Loi Krathong lantern boat Turning the pages of this beautifully illustrated multicultural children's book, you'll understand why in Thailand there's always a good reason to celebrate!

This packet covers the development of a religion that began with the life of Siddhartha Gautama in the 5th century B.C. Your students will learn in detail about many Buddhist customs, including the way that they worship, their birth and marriage rituals, their festivals and holidays, and more. In addition to valuable historical and practical information, this packet provides review questions, questions for discussion, key word lists, and an answer key. These features facilitate student assimilation of the fundamentals of a religion practiced by an estimated 324 million people around the globe. You will be delighted to observe your students' growing understanding of the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Buddhist religion.

Feasts and Festivals Around the World: From Lunar New Year to Christmas

Buddhism: A Complete Introduction: Teach Yourself

Inside Buddhism (ENHANCED eBook)

A Handbook for Primary Teachers

Rainbow Magic: Bea the Buddha Day Fairy

Thailand's cultural heritage is rich with holidays and festivals. Some have been celebrated for centuries, such as the Buddhist festivals, while others have only been observed for a few decades, like those commemorating historical events. All contribute to a kaleidoscope of colourful activities that have long captured the hearts of the local people as well as the interest of visitors. This book explores the reasons the various festivals are observed as well as the origins and legends that surround them. It shows

how, in Thailand, religion and culture are intertwined.

What do Buddhists believe? How do they celebrate what is important to them? What food do they eat during festival time? How do Buddhists in the UK celebrate? Read this book to find out the answers to these questions and more. Celebrating Buddhist Festivals looks at important religious and family days in the Buddhist calendar, and gets readers to take part by cooking some of the food central to Buddhist celebrations. The book looks at both international and UK examples of Buddhist celebrations. Infosearch asks the questions you want answered.

Chinese culture and heritage is rich and runs across a time frame of five thousand years. It was during this time that a variety of unique and varied celebrations began to grow roots. Despite China's many changes Chinese festivals are deeply rooted in popular tradition. China amasses a vast area and consists of a number of ethnic groups that all come together as part of a vibrant cultural experience. Some of these festivals have developed into popular celebrations that are not only practiced in China, but also in many Chinese communities throughout the world. Much of the customs and traditions of its people vary by geography and ethnicity yet remain firmly established as part of the country's vibrant culture. Over the years much of the festivals have evolved with the changes in the development of the Chinese civilization and as a consequence have become an integral part of the Chinese culture. As with time's progression and the advent of science, technology and rapid globalisation many Chinese are no longer able to tell how their festivals originated which has in turn seen the gradual shedding of ethnic traditions for modern and universal ways. This is especially true of Chinese communities outside their homeland.

A Year of Buddhist Festivals

An Encyclopedia of Holidays, Festivals, Solemn Observances, and Spiritual Commemorations

The Sangha Monks: Buddhist Festivals [chart-medium].

Legendary Chinese Festivals

Lighting Our World

Contains nearly 600 brief entries on the world's religious traditions.

Provides information on major festivals of six faiths--Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism--giving the story behind each festival, telling how each is celebrated, and providing activities and recipes related to them.

Buddhist Festivals throughout the Year tells the story behind each festival and describes how it is celebrated around the world today.

The Ghost Festival in Medieval China

Celebrate Buddhist Festivals

The First Book of Festivals

Thai Celebrations for Children

Faiths and Festivals

This two-volume work presents a comprehensive survey of all the ways people celebrate religious life around the globe. • More than 800 A-Z entries on religious holidays and calendars • Photographs of people celebrating various holidays around the world • A bibliography with each entry that offers sources for further research

A wide-ranging, readable account of the Theravada Buddhist thought and practice in the Southeast Asian societies of Thailand, Myanmar (Burma), Laos, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka.

Explore the celebrations and feasts of twelve countries and cultures from around the world! From South Korea to Nigeria to the USA, come celebrate festivals throughout the year! People around the world are celebrating. In Australia, it's Christmas in summer with barbecues on the beach. In Thailand, they're celebrating Songkran, the famous Buddhist water festival. Rhyming text and graphic illustrations pair perfectly and invite young readers to explore the world through mesmerizing festivals.

Festivals, Holidays and Traditions

The Spirits' Happy Days

The Moon Year

Traditional Festivals in Thailand

Celebrate introduces intermediate and middle school learners to major religions around the world with a focus on key festivals and observances. Each title offers the stories of real children, who tell about their lives, what their religion means to them, and how they observe their holy days. Colorful photographs, informative illustrations, and interesting fact boxes bring each festival to life.

Describes Buddhist festivals in various countries in which Buddhism is a major religion.

An engaging and activity-packed look at the main festivals throughout the year. Tracing the festivals from their origins we see how these festivals have been celebrated today and in the past.

Buddhist Festivals in Ceylon

Festival of Kandy: Buddhist Festivals [chart-medium].

Buddhist Festivals Through the Year

New Year Paintings and Holiday Celebrations

Buddhist Customs

A must-have guide for early years practitioners designed to help explain world religions and festivals to young children in a way that is meaningful to them. This guide is a guide to explaining the main five world faiths to young children, as well some lesser-known faiths to young children in a way that makes sense to young children. The book offers ideas to tie in to a range of religious festivals throughout the year. Each festival contains background information on the festival and why it first started, as well as activities for children's learning. Introducing young children is vital in our multi-cultural and multi-faith society, and this title will provide all early years practitioners with ideas on how to value diversity and respect other children's views and backgrounds.

This volume looks at the changing way New Year paintings have come to represent one of the most important Chinese cultural festivals. A myriad cast of characters is included in this guidebook.

Describes the principles and ceremonies of Buddhism

Second Edition

My Buddhist Year

A Record of Chinese Customs and Festivals

BEING A BUDDHIST NUN

The Pilgrimage of Buddhism and a Buddhist Pilgrimage

Briefly discusses Buddhism and its teachings and describes a variety of Buddhist festivals, including New Year, Parinirvana, Hana Matsuri, and Kathina.

A sumptuously illustrated introduction to world festivities that are celebrated with candles, bonfires, lanterns, fireworks and other traditional lights includes coverage of a year's worth of cultural practices.