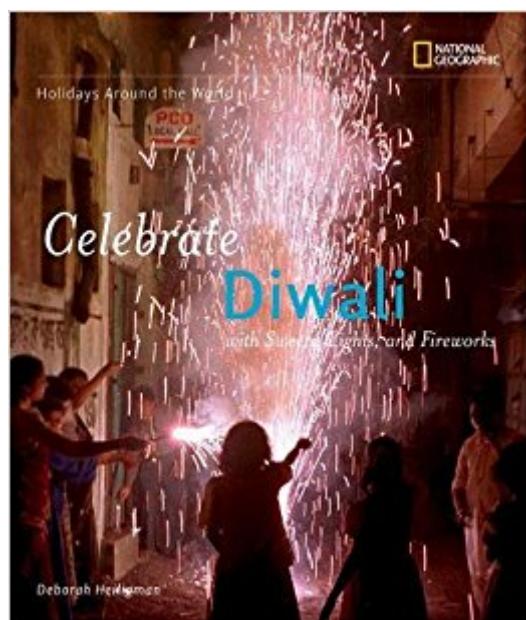


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# Holidays Around The World: Celebrate Diwali: With Sweets, Lights, And Fireworks



## **Synopsis**

Beautiful, dynamic photographs and brief, lively text introduce readers to the joyous holiday of Diwali, evoking the celebrations of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains around the world. In Deborah Heiligman's inviting global odyssey of the Hindu holiday we learn that Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil, and of light over darkness. Although celebrated differently in different places, Diwali is universally viewed as a time of great joy, celebrated with fireworks, sweets, and gifts. Celebrate Diwali brings to life the holiday's traditions, food, and celebration rituals. The informative back matter includes Diwali recipes, a glossary, a Diwali card game, a map, and a resource list of books and Web sites. Also included is a note to parents and teachers from the book's consultant, Dr. Vasudha Narayanan. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit [www.natgeoed.org/commoncore](http://www.natgeoed.org/commoncore) for more information.

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Grade 1-3 •These titles balance historical perspective with contemporary cultural significance in describing the holidays. Diwali focuses on the Hindu celebration in India but mentions observance by the Sikh and Jain faiths and also shows customs in four other countries. All texts capture well the spirit of the holidays, conveying in Ramadan, for example, the holy purpose of

fasting and the shared joy in feasting. While the first-person plural texts create a mostly inclusive tone, they present Native Americans as "other" by using the third person to explain that Thanksgiving is a day of mourning for some Indians whereas others hold ceremonies of thanks. Each spread features up to three high-quality color photographs, a paragraph of body text, and a line of much larger text that creates a focal point and supports contextual understanding. Many cultures are represented through photos and captions, including five continents in Ramadan. Each book includes a map showing where the photos were taken, along with extras such as games, recipes, a prayer, or historical time lines, and ends with a page of additional cultural and historical information for adults. These visually appealing volumes would update any multicultural or holiday collection. Consider Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith's *Celebrating Ramadan* (Holiday House, 2001) and Laurie Halse Anderson's *Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving* (S & S, 2002) as companions. •Julie R. Ranelli, Kent Island Branch Library, Stevensville, MD Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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This series of books are awesome! I ordered the hardcover version and it is beautiful! The pages have wonderful pictures as you would expect from National Geographic. They also have bigger words and smaller paragraphs. You can read the bigger words and learn about the topic at hand or read the smaller paragraph and get more information. I bought many of these for my classroom and use them around every holiday to teach my first grade students. My kids like to look at the pictures but most cannot read the small paragraphs independently. After purchasing one of these books, I went on and bought as many as I could. They are well worth the money spent!

We purchased this book - *Celebrate Diwali With Sweets, Lights and Fireworks*, by Deborah Heligman - along with two others in preparation for a Diwali party with friends, as well as an introduction to Diwali at my daughter's school for her classmates. This one is the most complete we have found in terms of pictures and content, about 30 pages in all. The kids at my daughter's school (4 and 5 year olds) liked looking at the pictures very much, but the text is aimed more at the 6-8 year old range. All in all, a worthwhile purchase that my kids will grow into.----Update October

2013 This book was our "go to" when we talked about Diwali with our kids' school classes. It highlights a few key things about Diwali in a way that you can read a lot or a little text, depending on the age of the kids. Still love it more than ever.

I was doing a presentation on winter festivals for the adolescents at my work. I found this book on Diwali that gave me the basic information for the presentation, plus gave them a nice reference to look at afterwards. Since this was time based, the easy reading and numerous pictures were great. It also gave them a quick reference to finding more information if they needed it. Very nice, and I got several more in the series for other winter festivals.

As all of the National Geographic Holidays books, Excellent!

Excellent book. Great images. Perfect intro for 1st and 2nd grade readers.

Great book to explain this celebration to children. Wonderful photos. Great Price.

very informative & beautiful photos!

This book has wonderful pictures of Diwali. The colored pictures aided me to present the festivities of Diwali to pre-schoolers.

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