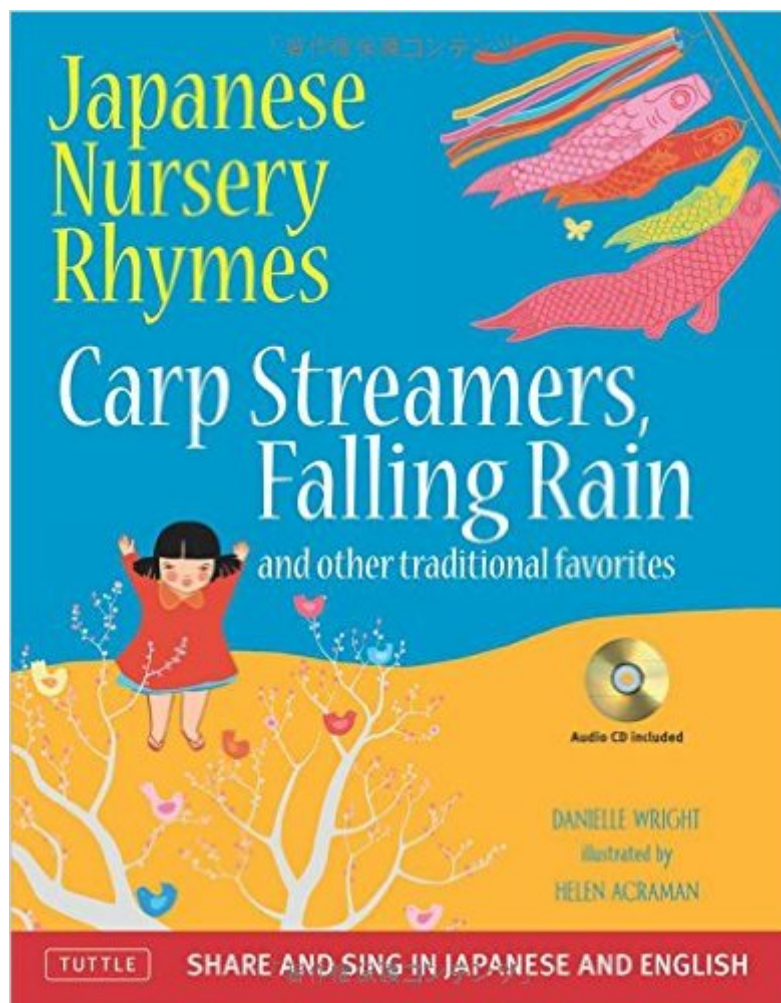


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# Japanese Nursery Rhymes: Carp Streamers, Falling Rain And Other Traditional Favorites (Share And Sing In Japanese & English; Includes Audio CD)



## Synopsis

**\*\*2012 Creative Child Magazine Media of the Year Award Winner!\*\***A delightful collection of fifteen well-loved rhymes, Japanese Nursery Rhymes is the perfect introduction to Japanese language and culture for young readers. What better way to learn the Japanese language than through rhymes and music. This beautifully illustrated multicultural book features songs and rhymes in both English and Japanese. Accompanied by an audio CD with recordings of kids singing in both languages, the songs so fun and charming, it will be nearly impossible for you not to sing along! Favorite Japanese songs and rhymes include: My Hometown, Bubbles, The Rabbit Dance, The Cradle Lullaby, and many more! For preschoolers and beyond, this book will be a joy to the mind, the eye, the ear and the heart.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

What a great book. The illustrations are refreshing, in a vibrant and engaging style, very colourful and punchy. My child loved the story & learned some Japanese too. The CD is a good fit with this package, doesn't seem superfluous at all.

I purchased this book to get my children acquainted to a different language. The book contains a CD, and you can hear each story once in English, then once in Japanese. The flow is good for young

ears, and the reader's voice is acceptable. My children enjoy exploring this well-illustrated book, while listening. If you can learn Japanese (like me), you will enjoy reading the book yourself, which is written in Hiragana. There is also a transcript in English right below the Japanese sentences. Would recommend it to people who wants to promote cultural and linguistic awareness.

I'm just starting to learn more about Japanese culture and someone recently passed this book along to me and I must say I've enjoyed it quite a bit. While I'm not sure if it's the most perfect representation of the linguistics, I think it's a beautiful book with a lot going for it. For one, the CD is great. I'm usually weary about books that come with separate media as it usually feels thrown together to justify a price tag. Definitely not the case with this one. Another thing about this book is it's illustrations which are lovely. I can't imagine kids or adults (like myself) not enjoying the artwork and they really make the experience of learning a new culture a pleasant one. Last but certainly not least, some of the rhymes have notes added to them which really puts things in a cultural context which is great for someone like myself who is fascinated by what a country's poetry, songs, art, and folklore say about it's culture. All in all, I enjoyed this book quite a lot and think it's a really nice intro to language and culture.

I go this as a gift for my dad for Christmas. He knows Japanese and is always looking for an opportunity to practice and teach it. I know he will LOVE reading this book with my kids. I love that they had the Japanese characters, the pronunciation, and the English words. I also love that it comes with a cd. I love the pictures and the fun facts included. This is a book made to truly reflect the culture of Japan, and not just the language. It will be a good experience for my dad and my kids.

Good selection of songs. The similar book Korean Nursery Rhymes from the same publisher is great, too. They cover similar topics. Daughter often looks at this book and sings the songs from the other one :)

Although we are not Japanese, we are currently stationed in Japan and our children (2,4,and 6) attend a Japanese kindergarten. We began their Japanese language lessons with songs, stories, and simple phrases in Japanese on cd's that had accompanying books which are used in the car and have found it to be a wonderful reinforcement to the language immersion education that they are receiving...this book has wonderful, bright illustrations and songs that they know from yochien. I love that the songs are offered in both languages, as I now finally have the opportunity to learn

understand more completely what the kids already know!

On the surface, this book and cd seems so sweet. But the very strong accent (New Zealand?) comes through in the songs, which makes many of the songs un-listenable for me. I didn't get to listen to the cd before buying, and as I was purchasing to expose my part-Japanese children to some of the songs from my youth, it's just so disappointing. I suppose if you don't really know what Japanese should sound like, you might not mind. I found the singer's voice so cute and charming, perfect for a children's album. I also really liked the arrangements and accompaniment. One other thing I did not like was that they also sang each song translated into English. Totally unnecessary, as most of the songs do not sound nearly so sweet or smooth in English. Overall, a disappointing album.

I got this book for my American 7 year old who attends Japanese school (in Japan). We love these songs and he is singing along after a few weeks. It helps him feel more connected to his classmates and understand their play. Beautiful smooth lullaby tones. Probably a young girl (or boy) singing accompanied by a guitar. It's very Jack Johnson sounding. Love it.

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