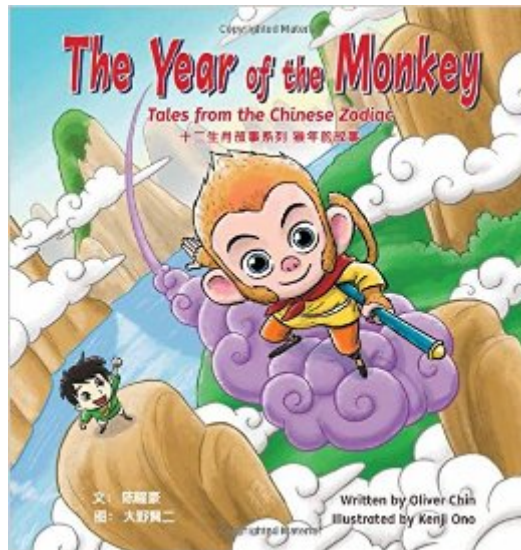


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# The Year Of The Monkey: Tales From The Chinese Zodiac (English And Chinese Edition)



## Synopsis

"A storybook ideal for launching the lunar year." #151; Books Inc., San Francisco 2016 is the Year of the Monkey, the eleventh adventure in the popular annual series Tales from the Chinese Zodiac. Max is the son of the legendary Monkey King. Succeeding at school is not easy, but luckily playing in the gym is! Can Max forge his own claim to fame? Empowering themes of self-discovery and cultural exchange, plus charismatic characters, have proven appeal with children, parents, and elementary educators. This story features a bilingual translation in simplified Chinese. Oliver Chin has written Julie's Black Belt and more books. Kenji Ono is a storyboard artist at DreamWorks Animation.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 and up

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

I have purchased three of these books in this series. I liked this story and my son enjoyed it as well. The thing is that this version has Chinese characters as well as English in it. It seems like a neat idea but it comes off as too busy on the page.

Cute stories. We have the year of the dragon, horse, sheep, and now Monkey. I liked the illustrations of the previous years. They were cuter, and this one is trying to be more realistic. But

the story is fun if not a bit repetitive. Every animal has a challenge they must overcome, and of course they do.

I really enjoyed *The Year of the Monkey*. The illustrations are amazing. The action flies off the spreads. Max and the other characters are larger-than-life, full of spirit, energy, and emotion. I like the bright, active colors and the distinctive Chinese look some characters possess. What first caught my attention upon opening the cover was the bilingual English-Chinese text. This is the first book I have seen of this kind. A glossary of Chinese characters would have been a nice addition, but given that Chinese is much more than simple letters, a glossary might have been too much of an undertaking. The sport of jianzi is similar to hacky-sack, except in competition a net is used. The game plays much like badminton without the use of hands. I was confused when a poster announced the "shuttlecock" tournament, when in previous spreads the sport is called jianzi. I checked and both terms are acceptable for this game, though not explained in the text or in an author's note after the story. Consistency is a better tool. Boys and girls alike will love *The Year of the Monkey*. This is a fun story. The characters are not all Chinese "one girl is blond-haired, blue-eyed" making it easy for young children to see themselves in the story, nationalities aside. The series is interesting and unusual at the same time. Kids will learn of a new sport and through Max, the characteristics and virtues of the zodiac Monkey. I love that young children will learn kids are kids no matter where they live. Multiple themes claiming this adorable story including friendship, cooperation/teamwork, creativity, and determination. *The Year of the Monkey* or the book matching your child's Chinese zodiac makes a good multicultural book for young children up to age nine. Originally review at Kid Lit Reviews/ received from publisher in exchange for an honest review

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