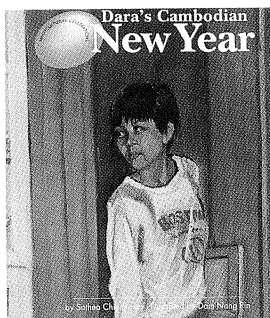
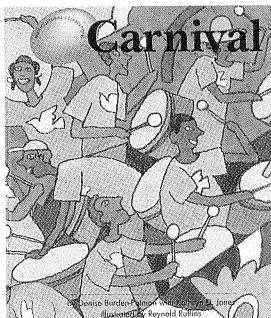


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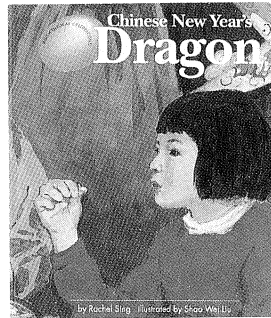
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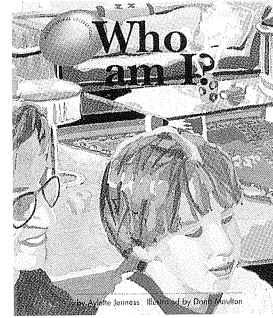
by Sothea Chiemruom
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CAMBODIAN AMERICAN
Cambodian New Year
Held in mid-April, Cambodian New Year is a joyous celebration. Families and friends gather at the Buddhist temple to pray, eat and show respect for their elders.



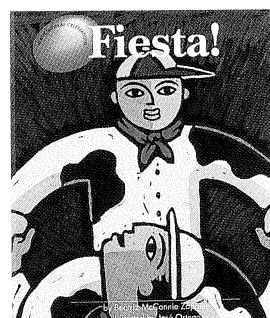
by Denise Burden-Patmon
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AFRICAN AMERICAN
Carnival
Carnival is a festival celebrated with parades, costumes and lively music. People of Afro-Caribbean ancestry often hold Carnival at the end of the summer.



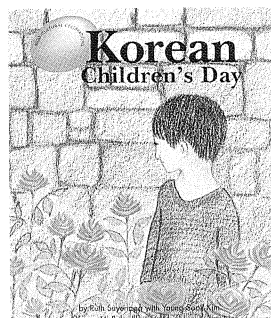
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Chinese New Year
Lasting for three to five days sometime between January 21 and February 19, Lunar New Year is a time for families and friends to gather to bid farewell to the old and welcome in the new.



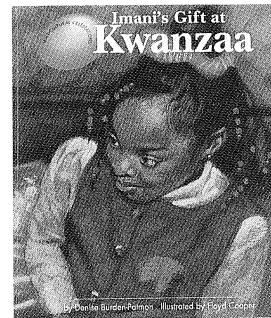
by Aylette Jenness
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EUROPEAN AMERICAN
Family Heritage Day
A school and community celebration, Family Heritage Day is an opportunity for people to share their culture and traditions through music, dances, games and foods.



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COLOMBIAN AMERICAN
Fiesta
Through the music, dancing, costumes, masks and contests of fiestas, the people of the Hispanic community come together to share their diverse cultural backgrounds.



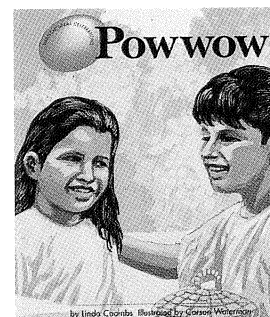
by Ruth Suyenaga with Young Sook Kim
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Korean Children's Day
Children's Day is a Korean national holiday held on May 5. In the United States, Korean institutes and schools celebrate Children's Day with traditional dances, songs, games and foods.



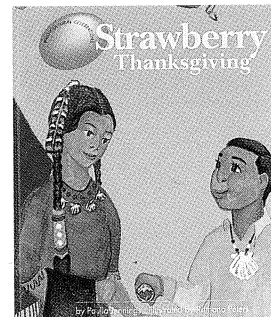
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Kwanzaa
The Kwanzaa celebration begins on December 26 and lasts for seven days. During Kwanzaa, African Americans remember their ancestors and celebrate the values that hold their community together.



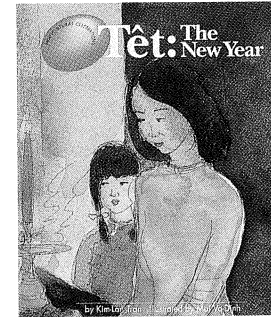
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RUSSIAN-JEWISH AMERICAN
Passover
The highlight of the eight-day Passover celebration is the Seder, a ceremonial feast during which family and friends remember the freeing of the ancient Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt.



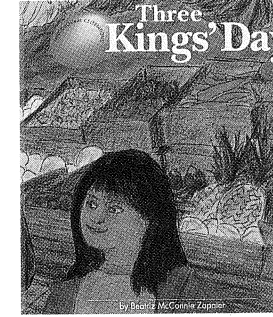
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NATIVE AMERICAN
Powwow
Powwows are popular Native-American social events celebrated with dancing and the sharing of Native crafts, foods and tribal traditions.



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NATIVE AMERICAN
Strawberry Thanksgiving
This Native-American festival is held in June to honor the early summer "strawberry moon." People who eat strawberries and participate in the festival must forgive past disagreements.



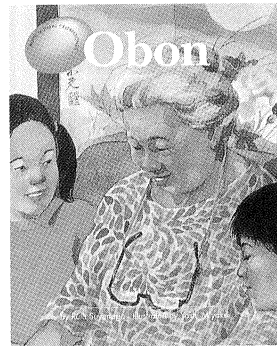
by Kim-Lan Tran
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VIETNAMESE AMERICAN
Têt
Têt is the Vietnamese New Year holiday which also celebrates the return of spring. Held sometime between January 21 and February 19, Têt is the most important holiday among Vietnamese communities the world over.



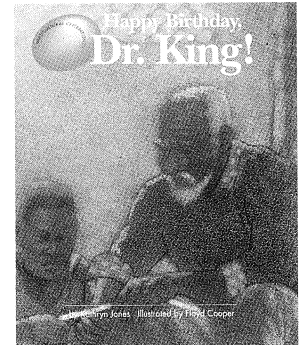
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PUERTO RICAN
Three Kings' Day
Three Kings' Day takes place on January 6 and is an important part of the Christmas season in most of Spanish-speaking America. It celebrates the story of the three kings who, following a star, travelled on camels to bring gifts to the baby Jesus.

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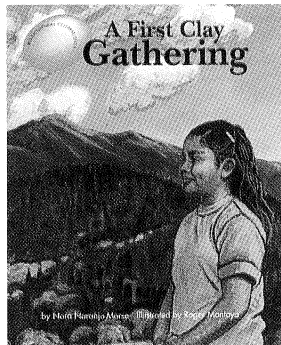
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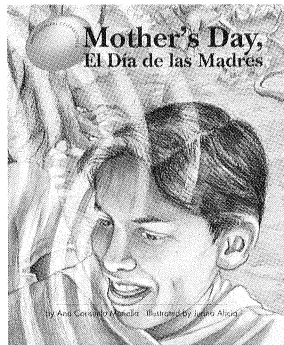
Obon
(Japanese American)
by Ruth Suyenaga
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Held during July or August, the Obon festival is a time when Buddhist families remember and honor their ancestors and the contributions they made to Japanese heritage.



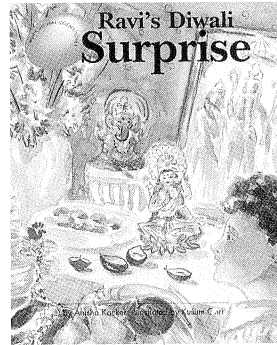
Happy Birthday, Dr. King!
(African American)
by Kathryn Jones
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In honor of the influential leader – Martin Luther King, Jr. – the third Monday in January commemorates his birth and his unforgettable fight for equality.



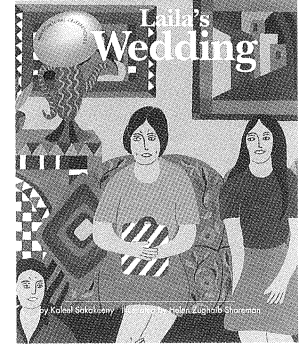
A First Clay Gathering
(Southwest Native American)
by Nora Naranjo-Morse
Illustrated by Roger Montoya
As a respected springtime Pueblo tradition, clay is gathered in order to sculpt exquisite pottery. These creations represent the unbreakable bond the Pueblo feel towards the earth and their beliefs.



Mother's Day, El Día de las Madres
(Mexican American)
by Ana Consuelo Matiella
Illustrated by Juana Alicia
From a serenade to a traditional Mexican feast and gift-giving, mothers are honored on this day in mid-May with a gala filled with true Mexican customs.



Ravi's Diwali Surprise
(Indian American)
by Anisha Kacker
Illustrated by Kusum Ohri
Celebrated in late October or early November, the Hindu holiday, Diwali, is a festival of lights displayed in hopes of bringing good fortune in the coming year.



Laila's Wedding
(Lebanese American)
by Kaleel Sakakeeny
Illustrated by Helen Zughaib Shoreman
This Lebanese celebration of love overflows with family togetherness and the deep respect for Arab heritage and generations of tradition.

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