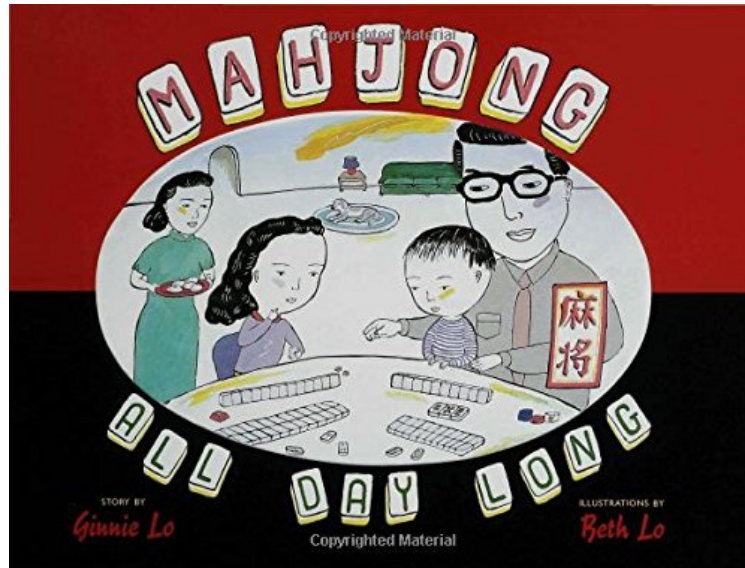


Mahjong All Day Long

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Ginnie Lo : Mahjong All Day Long before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mahjong All Day Long:

10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. 1 book that has many unique wonderful qualities! By KSL There are several things I really like about this very unique book about an old traditional game called mahjong. The first is that not only is this book written in English, but also has lots of Chinese characters. Not only do they have the characters for Daddy, Mama, Big sister, Little brother and Mahjong, but also words associated with the game such as "Hu Le!" (I win!), "Peng" (3 of a kind), "Chi" (3 in a row), counting in Chinese from 1 to 10 and "Do you want this tile?" And your typical pestering of siblings... Sounds terrible, Don't touch, and Don't act crazy! The second is that instead of drawing illustrations on paper, Beth who is a ceramic arts professor made the illustrations on ceramic plates. How cool is that! The drawings are simple, colorful and have qualities that can and are found in families across the world! Upon 1st reading and looking at the book's illustrations I thought, they are OK, nothing really special, then upon reading the dust jacket I found out that the illustrations were actually glazed fired plates. With that in mind, I went back and carefully looked at each plate and was really impressed! Now, I can easily see those plates hanging proudly on the walls in their parents' home! The third is that in the last 2 pages there is more information about Mahjong, and if you are interested in learning mahjong from reading this book (like I now am), they have thoughtfully compiled a list of 9 books on Mahjong for you to read. The fourth is that the two sisters when young sat on their father's knee and watched their parents and family members play mahjong and now they too play mahjong with their families. What a lovely way to pass on a family tradition and beloved game. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mah Jongg all Day Long By Toby A. Salk Love the book. I taught a Mah Jongg Class for children and had them read this book out loud. PERFECT!!! Unfortunately on one of my purchases the page was cut out!

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and night. Big sister, JieJie, and her little brother, DiDi, see their parents playing mahjong all the time. It's their favorite family tradition. With Uncle T.T. and Auntie Helen around, the house is always alive with singing and chatting, the aromas of hot tea and good food, and of course the constant sounds of a family having fun together! One day JieJie and Didi will grow up and have families of their own, and they will teach their children the game as their parents taught them. As it has done for centuries, the playing of mahjong continues to bring families together, allowing for traditions to be passed on generation after generation.

From School Library Journal Kindergarten-Grade 2 This simplistic story falls flat. JieJie describes how she and her little brother watch their parents and their aunt and uncle enjoying mahjong all day long and into the evening. As youngsters, the siblings use the tiles for building or learning to count in Chinese. Finally, after they have grown up and mastered the intricacies of the game, they are ready to pass on this tradition to their own children, thus linking together three generations. The nonfiction classification is misleading as this story reveals nothing about how mahjong is played. An author's note includes historical background about the game and provides a list of adult titles about learning how to play. The artist created the illustrations by using underglazes and stains on handmade porcelain plates. The flat, childlike drawings follow but do not expand the plot. Some basic ethnic facts are reflected in both the narrative and the artwork, such as hairstyles, clothing, or serving Long Jing tea. The oval-shaped pictures are presented on black backgrounds, while the text is printed opposite in black ink on red backgrounds. Chinese calligraphy appearing in the illustrations is repeated and translated on the text pages. Unfortunately, neither the bland writing nor the art will hold children's attention. Margaret R. Tassia, Millersville University, PA Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Starred* PreS-Gr. 2. This debut by two sisters celebrates the Chinese game of mahjong--and, by analogy, any beloved pastime, especially one that brings families together. Inspired by her relatives' addiction to the game, author Ginie Lo writes from the perspective of a Chinese woman looking back, who recalls her fascination with the game's rituals, her solidarity with her younger sibling during the adults' marathon sessions, and their pride when asked to participate. Illustrator Beth Lo's quirky, glaze-on-ceramic paintings, set within ivory ovals on black backdrops, are reminiscent of the stylized engravings on mahjong tiles; on the facing pages, a solid field of red sets off a line or two of text and English translations of phrases written in calligraphy, many of which appear as dialogue in the scenes ("Do you want this tile?"). While some highly designed picture books are more accessible in theory than in practice, the Lo sisters' effort, like the best of Maira Kalman's work, speaks directly to kids, who will want to procure a mahjong set posthaste. For their part, teachers will love the historical endnote, the subject matter that suggests itself for classroom use, and the intergenerational themes. Prepare for requests for rule books, some of which are listed in a helpful bibliography. Jennifer Mattson Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. From the Inside Flap MaMa and BaBa play mahjong all day long. And all night long. We hear the clicking of mahjong tiles morning, noon, and night. Big sister, JieJie, and her little brother, DiDi, see their parents playing mahjong all the time. It's their favorite family tradition. With Uncle T.T. and Auntie Helen around, the house is always alive with singing and chatting, the aromas of hot tea and good food, and of course the constant sounds of a family having fun together! One day JieJie and Didi will grow up and have families of their own, and they will teach their children the game as their parents taught them. As it has done for centuries, the playing of mahjong continues to bring families together, allowing for traditions to be passed on generation after generation. Beth and Ginie Lo are sisters (and best friends!). They had a happy Chinese American childhood in West Lafayette, Indiana, where they learned to play mahjong while sitting on their father's lap. They continue to play to this day. Ginie, a computer science professor, wrote the story, and Beth, a ceramic arts professor, made the illustrated ceramic plates. This is their first book. Beth now plays mahjong in Missoula, Montana, with her husband, son, and Chinese cousin who lives up the valley. Ginie plays mahjong in Eugene, Oregon, with her husband, their children, and the authors' mother, who lives next door.