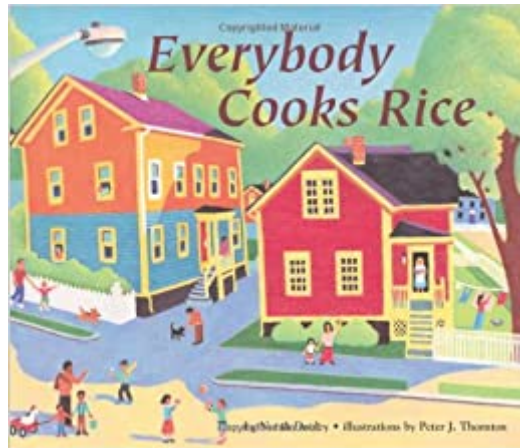




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# Everybody Cooks Rice (Carolrhoda Picture Books)



## Synopsis

A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Carrie canvasses the neighborhood, trying to round up her younger brother in time for dinner. Every household she visits represents a different ethnic heritage--Fendra Diaz's grandmother lives in Puerto Rico, Madame Bleu hails from Haiti, the Huas have emigrated from China, etc. All the families are either preparing or consuming dinner, and Carrie discovers that despite divergent backgrounds, "everybody cooks rice." The multicultural smorgasbord she samples includes rice and black-eyed peas from Barbados, biryani from India, Vietnamese nuoc cham . However correct politically, Dooley's first book is like food for an invalid: wholesome indeed but numbingly bland. Her plot unfolds in an atmosphere of vacant inevitability and her writing lacks style. Thornton's static illustrations, meanwhile, recall the false harmony of Sally, Dick and Jane. Recipes for the rice dishes are included, but most young readers will prefer to sink their teeth into a more highly seasoned story. Ages 5-8. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 2-4-- Carrie travels from one house to another, looking for her brother at dinnertime. Each family invites her in for a taste of what they are cooking; thus, she samples the ethnic diversity of her neighborhood through the rice dishes they prepare. At home, her own Italian family is indulging in risi e bisi . All the recipes are included at the end of the book. Thornton's illustrations have that flat, depthless look of primitive art. Colors are strong and brilliant primaries with very little black shading. The geometric forms displayed in the multihued houses of the street are especially nice. Yes, everybody cooks rice, and everybody eats rice--these commonalities do bring us together, a lesson worth repeating again and again. --Ruth Semrau, Lovejoy School, Allen, TXCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

What a fun book! The book follows a girl through her neighborhood as she tries to track down her brother to bring him home for dinner. She lives in a diverse and friendly neighborhood, and as she visits each home, she gets to see what's cooking for dinner in each neighbor's house. It turns out, despite the many cultures and nationalities represented, there's rice on every table. In addition to vivid descriptions of each meal in the text of the book, there are also recipes in the back! The illustrations have a slightly dated feel to them, and I wish the skin tones were a bit more realistic and diverse. But it's still a solid multicultural book, with an engaging story - plus recipes! It made me and my kiddo (age 4) wish we lived in such a cool neighborhood!

This was a big disappointment. Hardly any pictures of the food or any of the people cooking, that where clear enough to really see what was going on. too much text about nothing worth while. It did not catch the attention of my four year old, nor mine. We have still to get all the way through it

This book was good for community building. I wanted a book that would evoke discussion and open sharing about different cultures. It worked! My whole class connected with this story- All ethnic backgrounds ( Caucasian too) . I guess it's true that everybody does cook rice!

I was looking for a book about rice to go with a program I made about rice and rice terraces. This book was perfect. It was a short story complete with recipes about how different families from different cultures cook rice in a neighborhood. Inexpensive too.

Loved the book.

Very cute book! I love that it includes rice recipes at the end.

My students enjoyed trying all of the recipes as we traveled around the neighborhood and the world. They are all really good and simple to make.

I like this book and want to try some of the recipes with the kids.

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