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Teach Me Fröhliche Weihnachten: Learning Songs And Traditions In German



Synopsis

Celebrate the traditions of Christmas in Germany through the magic of song and story. Share in the rich heritage, music, culture and beliefs of Germany during this delightful season. Narrated in German, with songs in German and English, follow a family as they sing their way through Christmas from Advent to Epiphany. Features traditional German carols such as "Kling Glockchen", "Still Still Still", "Stille Nacht" and "O Tannenbaum", as well as favorites like "O Holy Night", "Joy To The World", "Away in the Manger", "White Christmas" and more. Please note: This audiobook is in German.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I really prefer not to give this book a rating but merely describe what's inside. First, the product description is accurate. The book comes with an audio CD. It is a kids' story-book type book (thin but large = 8-1/2" x 11"), primarily in the German language with text in a large font. As indicated, it is 32 pages - so 2 sides per page equals 16 sheets. Again, story-book type book for either a child to read or a parent to read as a good-night story. The English translations are provided for the text on each page, but due to "real estate" limitations, German text, song lyrics, and English translation and graphics competing with each other, the font for the English translation is about 1/2 the size of the German font and sometimes the translation "refined" to make it more concise (and require less space on the page). The quality of the narration and music / singing is available on the web site for preview, so one can form their own opinions before deciding whether to purchase this book. The selection of songs is somewhat confusing because the primary focus of this book is German traditions, so including songs translated into German, such as White Christmas (USA, Irving Berlin

in 1930's / 1940's), Winter Wonderland (USA, 1930's), and Jingle Bells, is kind of an oxymoron. But the author identifies which songs are traditional German carols. The book only provides complete lyrics for 2 or 3 songs. Only the first and maybe second stanzas of the remaining songs (13 or so) are provided on the pages. It was a let down to see Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht (Silent Night Holy Night) presented with only a single stanza in both versions: English and German. FYI, there are 3 stanzas in the song. In a nutshell, I believe this book is best used by a German speaking parent or grandparent to read to young children before going to bed in the weeks before Christmas telling their (grand)children what Christmas used to be like for them, with maybe some milk and cookies using the recipes in the book - book only provides 3 (Cinnamon Stars, Lebkuchen = Gingerbread, and Baked apples). It is a charming book - but falls short of being a reference on German Christmas traditions. Since it is intended to be a bi-lingual "Teach Me" book, I struggle to think which would've been better: English in large font, with German on the side lines, or as is. For children in the US, I think the former is the better, as I doubt very few kids would have German language skills to read this book at such a young age.

love it! we listen to it and my daughter dances around... i want her to be familiar with other languages. this is my fav of all the ones we have bought. it also teaches a bit about German culture and traditions too which i find valuable in fostering a sense of others-centeredness. i want my kids to know and understand that we Americans aren't "it" and that there are very interesting and valuable things to learn and appreciate about other cultures and people groups.

I really liked this I have been looking for something that would remind me of my childhood. This book was easy to use.

I like the music and the German/English text.

Bought as a gift for our granddaughter who's taking German classes. Great illustrations.

I first saw this book at a friend's house on Christmas Eve. I LOVED the German with English translations. I ended up singing some of the songs for the guests. The songs reminded me of my childhood in Germany! Great book!!

Sehr Gut

WOW! Great to find a German book on ! This is fun for introducing kids to German and what Christmas traditions they have there. Perfect for Christmas memories for years to come!

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