



Educational Guide

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE PARTY! ONE-BY-ONE ALL THE ANIMALS OF THE ZODIAC GO UP THE HILL, EACH ONE CARRYING AN INGREDIENT. HORSE TROTS UP THE HILL WITH A BIG WOK. GOAT STROLLS UP THE HILL WITH WILD ONIONS. SIMPLE TEXT IS PAIRED WITH DELIGHTFUL, FRIENDLY ART IN THIS JOYOUS LOOK AT THE CHINESE TRADITION OF PREPARING LONG NOODLES TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS, THE NEW YEAR, AND OTHER FESTIVE OCCASIONS. A KID-FRIENDLY RECIPE FOR HOW TO MAKE DRAGON BEARD NOODLES, A DISH POPULAR IN NORTHERN CHINA, IS INCLUDED AS WELL AS A NOTE ON THE CHINESE ZODIAC.

"Simple text from Compestine reliably describes how each animal makes the journey ('Rooster strutted,' 'Dragon flew'), and Pang dedicates a festive full-spread landscape to each animal's trek."

— Publishers Weekly

YING CHANG COMPESTINE IS THE MULTI-TALENTED AUTHOR OF 20 BOOKS INCLUDING FICTION, PICTURE BOOKS, AND FIVE COOKBOOKS. HER KEEN INTEREST IN CUISINE HAS LED HER TO WEAVE FOOD INTO ALL OF HER WRITING--INCLUDING COOKBOOKS, NOVELS, AND PICTURE BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS. HER HIGHLY ACCLAIMED NOVEL ABOUT HER LIFE GROWING UP IN CHINA DURING THE CHINESE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, *REVOLUTION IS NOT A DINNER PARTY*, HAS RECEIVED OVER 30 NATIONAL AWARDS, AND HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN SCHOOL SYLLABI GLOBALLY. IT WAS ALSO SELECTED FOR THE ONE BOOK/ONE COUNTY READING PROGRAM IN SANTA CLARA CALIFORNIA. YING GREW UP IN WUHAN, CHINA DURING THE CHINESE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. SHE USES THESE EXPERIENCES, AS WELL AS HER PASSION FOR FOOD, IN ALL HER WRITING. YING GRADUATED FROM CENTRAL CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH, THEN EARNED HER MASTER'S IN SOCIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND SHORTLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE DEGREE. SHE HAS TAUGHT WRITING AND SOCIOLOGY IN BOTH THE U.S. AND CHINA, RECEIVING EDUCATION AWARDS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.



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Discussion Questions

1. Name five animals that went to Snake's party.
2. List three foods that the animals brought to the party.
3. List three cooking utensils that the animals brought to the party.
4. What would you bring to a party?
5. Draw some food that was at Snake's party.



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