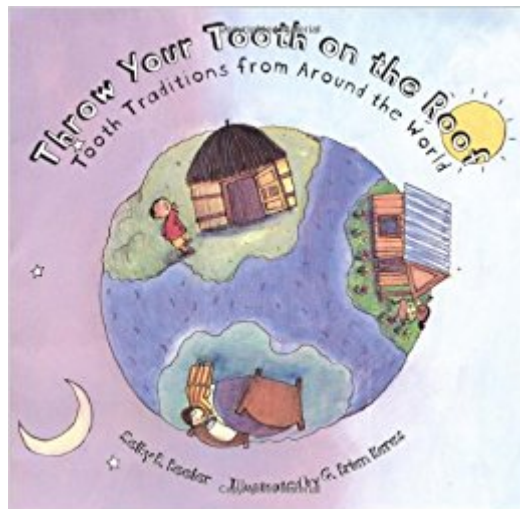




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Throw Your Tooth On The Roof: Tooth Traditions From Around The World



Synopsis

What do you do when you lose a tooth? Do you put it under your pillow and wait for the tooth fairy? Not if you live in Botswana! In Botswana, children throw their teeth onto the roof. In Afghanistan they drop their teeth down mouse holes, and in Egypt they fling their teeth at the sun! Travel around the world and discover the surprising things children do when they lose a tooth. Selby B. Beeler spent years collecting traditions from every corner of the globe for this whimsical book, and illustrator G. Brian Karas adds to the fun, filling every page with humorous detail. He perfectly captures the excitement and pride that children experience when a tooth falls out. This title has been selected as a Common Core Text Exemplar (Grades 2-3, Informational Texts)

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Customer Reviews

Eat your heart out, tooth fairy. According to the informal research of the author, the world is full of other, equally fascinating myths and traditions about what happens, or should be done, when those milk choppers part company with childish gums. If you come from Chile or Costa Rica, your parents will have the tooth made into a charm. If you're Venezuelan, you put the tooth under your pillow and hope that a mouse brings you money. (Oddly enough, mice, milk teeth, and money are associated all over the world.) Playful illustrations by G. Brian Karas include a world map, plus lots of fun

depictions of the world's dentally challenged junior inhabitants. (Ages 4 to 8) --Richard Farr --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Children from countries on each continent explain what they do when they lose a tooth, including throwing their teeth on the roof. PW called this volume "an eye-opener for young Americans who may have assumed that the Tooth Fairy holds a worldwide visa." Ages 4-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

This is the best book! I love that it teaches about all the different cultures. My children are bi racial. and having this book was amazing because we believe in the little mouse down in south america, and obviously the tooth fairy here in the states! I love that they were included plus many many more different cultures. It is a really really sweet book! I highly recommend it!

Our whole family enjoys this book! Charming illustrations bring cultural traditions from around the world to life...and smiles to all within earshot.As parents we weren't entirely sure we wanted to push the tooth fairy on our daughter as she was more interested in keeping her tooth (for "scientific purposes" and "my memory") than anything else. Learning what other children do (or don't do) with their baby teeth was fun and enlightening for all of us...el Ratoncito PÃfÂ©rez was a fast favorite for all of us.Losing a tooth is one of the many 'becoming a big kid' moments in a child's life - reading these folk traditions together as a family made it less bitter and more sweet.

I give this book five stars because 1) it answers the question "What are teeth?" in kid-friendly yet substantial way; 2) teaches kids about a variety of cultures while also mentioning the similarities characterizing each; 3) provides a unique perspective on a universal childhood rite of passage. I believe that any age group would benefit from reading this wonderful little book!

When I was a school librarian I made sure this was available on my shelves. Losing that first tooth is a big deal and within a classroom in kindergarten or first grade it happens to almost every child. I monitored as classes came in and was always told by the child or the classmates that "so and so lost a tooth." Off the shelf came the book as that first tooth in the class was missing and it was the story for that day and a discussion along the way for all of them to enjoy. Since I worked in a very multi-cultural environment with kids from all over the world, they all found something to relate to. Then, when my grandkids began to lose teeth, I made sure to send a copy to their houses to be

enjoyed with their parents. It is a fun and interesting read.

Bought the book for my military-dependent grandchildren, 2nd grade and kindergarten, who live overseas. Their school has an international population. They plan to take the book to school to share with their teachers and classmates.

This book is great for a quick lesson on the right of passage of shedding teeth.

Great book that's fun to read. Loved learning about new cultures :D

We don't do the Tooth Fairy in our house, but we still wanted to do something fun. And if we can make something educational, too, we're all for that. This is a fun book with short descriptions of tooth losing traditions from around the world. My son had fun reading through the traditions and choosing which ones he wanted to do. For his first tooth he chose the traditional Tooth Fairy (even though he knew it was me that changed out the tooth for cash). The next two teeth he chose El Raton, the magic rat. We're still trying to convince him to throw his tooth on the roof and dance around the house, but he refuses that one =)

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