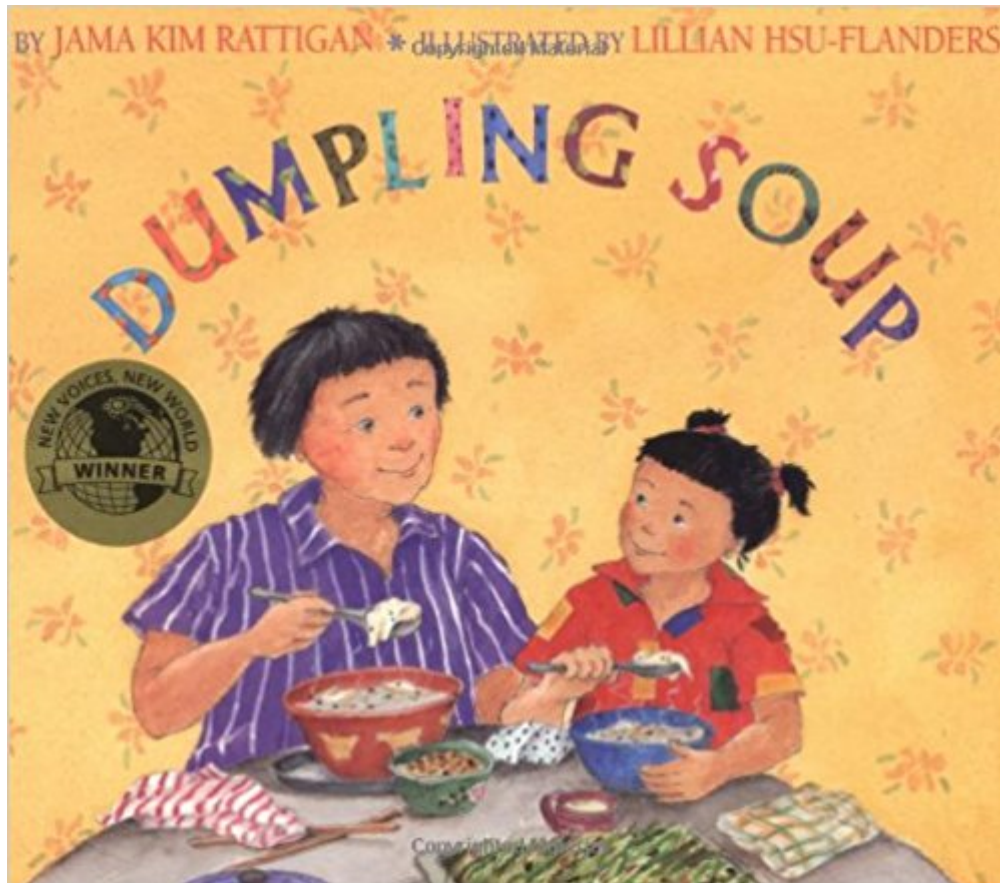




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# Dumpling Soup



## Synopsis

Marisa gets to help make dumplings this year to celebrate the New Year. But she worries if anyone will eat her funny-looking dumplings. Set in the Hawaiian islands, this story celebrates the joyful mix of food, customs, and languages from many cultures.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

A girl helps her "chop suey" (mixed up) family make the dumplings for their traditional New Year's Eve meal, in this slice of Korean-Chinese-Japanese-Hawaiian-Anglo life. "As warm and comforting as homemade soup," said PW. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 3-A large, loving Hawaiian family gathers to celebrate the new year with Marisa making mandoo, or dumplings, a traditional holiday feast. Told from the seven-year-old child's breathless point of view, the event is also a tribute to diversity. The Yang family, like much of the population of Hawaii, includes members of Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, and haole (white) descent. And everyone loves mandoo, especially the funny-looking ones that Marisa makes. Though the text is low-key, the characters and their affection for one another are infectious.

Cluttered, lively, full-color illustrations in a style reminiscent of Marilyn Hafner's work are packed with detail and children. Domestic groupings of all sorts will keep young eyes busy trying to identify which cousin is which. The pages are so full of activity that they often bleed entirely off the page. Any child who loves family gatherings will identify with this book, and teachers will welcome it for its inclusive approach. Though lengthy to read to a young group, the story will be relished by older primary-aged children for reading aloud and by independent readers, too. Carolyn Noah, Central Mass. Regional Library System, Worcester, MA Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Lovely book celebrating Korean culture and family. My five year old loved it. Only complaint is that the book arrived bent and wrinkled (paperback version).

A gentle, prettily illustrated portrayal of a racially mixed family in Hawaii. The book depicts several generations of a family getting together at the matriarch's house to celebrate the New Year. My preschooler particularly liked the fact that the protagonist of the book, a little girl named Marisa, was participating in making the dumplings.

Lovely story of a multicultural Asian family celebrating a mish-mash of different new year's traditions in Hawaii.

The kids in my class really love this book and have learned a lot from it

Great story for the new year! It's so nice to find a story about a family getting together for a holiday. And wonderful, too, that they let the kids help out! Great story!

Jama Kim Rattigan did a great job writing this book to capture a child's desire for approval from her family, a diverse family background, and the uniqueness of each family's traditions. The only thing that doesn't win my heart is the illustrations. The style is adequate, but not nearly as clear or beautiful as the story it accompanies.

Great story. Followed the recipe in the back to make delicious mandoo.

Dumpling Soup is both well-written and beautifully illustrated. Within the context of a simple story,

(little girl, family celebration) Jama Kim Rattigan has managed to interweave such issues as: rite of passage, diversity and multiculturalism, and familial strength. I did not find the story "didactic" in the least; it and its illustrations are enjoyable and refreshing. The book provides children with (rare) exposure to Korean-, Japanese- and Hawaiian-American cultures, while utilizing themes common to all cultures. A must/fun read for all!

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