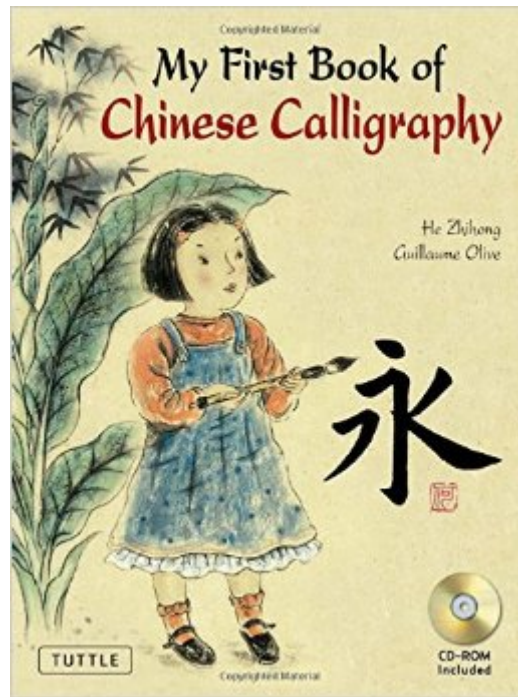


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My First Book Of Chinese Calligraphy



Synopsis

My First Book of Chinese Calligraphy is a fun and engaging introduction to one of China's most popular arts and crafts for kids. Calligraphy "the art of producing decorative handwriting or lettering with a pen or brush" has been around for thousands of years. In this fun calligraphy for kids book, readers will follow along with Mimi, an eight year old, who takes her first steps towards learning this magical art. Dive in, and explore:

- The Evolution of Chinese Writing "how Chinese characters first began, thousands of years ago, and how they have evolved
- The Order of the Strokes "learn how to write the strokes in the correct order
- The Radicals "what are they, and how to unlock their secrets
- The Four Treasures of Calligraphy " the four essential tools to get started
- Movements and Position "how to master your mind's focus, your breathing and even how to move
- The Five Styles of Calligraphy "Zhuan Shu (seal), Li Shu (clerical), Kai Shu (regular), Cao Shu (cursive), and Xing Shu (running)
- The Eight Strokes " how to draw the 8 strokes; with them, you can write anything
- Writing a Character in Calligraphy "create an entire character in calligraphy

The included interactive CD-ROM enables learners to play creative games to see, hear and try Chinese writing; listen to the pronunciation of the Chinese characters; observe calligraphers in action and print the characters to create practice pages.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 12 years

Grade Level: 2 - 6

Customer Reviews

This is a great book for introducing kids to Chinese calligraphy. The book is nicely printed on high-quality paper and shows a sweet little girl. It discusses the origins of Chinese characters, stroke order and styles of calligraphy, among other things. I would not recommend it for grown-ups but it's a great tool for kids, to engage their interest.

Teaches calligraphy in a style aimed at 12 and 13 year olds, but there's a lot of meat here for students of any age. Includes a lot on stroke order and shape of strokes. Another one recommended.

A charming introduction to Chinese calligraphy! In very simple prose accessible to even quite young readers, it covers basic concepts of Chinese writing, the major writing styles, the correct order of strokes when creating characters, and detailed brush paths for each of the major strokes. There's even a discussion about composing the mind, proper posture, and imbuing each character with "energy" which is simple enough for the youngest reader to grasp. The painted illustrations are simple and engaging, and the text is clear, well-written and informative. For this 50-something reader, it was a wonderful introduction to a topic I previously knew almost nothing about, and it's sparked my interest in starting to practice the strokes and to search out more resources. For any child interested in China or languages or even art, the book and CD would make a superb gift. Note: I read the e-book borrowed from my local library, which unfortunately didn't come with the companion CD. You can preview a few minutes of the CD here on -- it seems to be an excellent complement to the book, especially for engaging children in a teaching setting.

I never take the time to write reviews, but for this book I did. If you are coming to calligraphy as a new student, this book is really essential, particularly if you do not have access to a teacher or class. These are basic fundamentals that are a must in order to progress in your practice, presented in a fun and easy to understand manner. This simple book is your foundation and it's very user friendly!

This is a beautiful book. I was worried when I ordered it that it might be a poor quality, but was pleasantly proved wrong. My four elementary aged children are learning traditional Mandarin and this has added to the breadth of their knowledge. I love the way the rules for the order of character strokes is laid out. It is something we are committing to memory. I highly recommend this book!

I am not using this at the moment. I have a 6 yr old Grand Daughter who is already quite into drawing and colors. This appealed to me as something she will be interested in. This for the near future at this time. The quality of things are fine and as described.

7 year old English speaking grandson wants to learn Chinese. This book is a good addition to his study materials. Crisp and clear calligraphy images. Easy to follow for English speaking readers to follow along.

Hope my granddaughter appreciates this beautifully illustrated book as much as I did. The sections of the book clearly show the history of Chinese calligraphy and then how to learn to make the words, first practicing separate strokes. Buying the additional pack of marked practice paper enables the writer to carefully learn the exact place for each stroke. I want to learn, too!

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