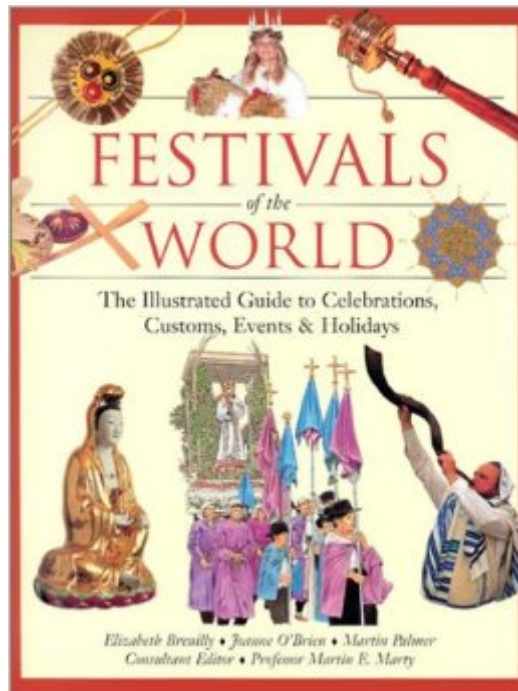


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# Festivals Of The World: The Illustrated Guide To Celebrations, Customs, Events & Holidays



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This very well organised book describes many festivals, grouped by religious origin. The circular calendars are particularly useful in relating the festivals to one another. Apart from its general interest, this book would be useful in schools where children may come from different backgrounds.

It provides plenty of ideas for group activities incorporating some of these ideas. I particularly liked the Japanese doll festival, I thought that children could draw picture of people or make clothes for a favorite doll in their national costume.

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