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Around the World Cookbook

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Dodge, Abigail Johnson. *Around the World Cookbook*. DK Publishing, 2008. ISBN
9780756637446. $19.99. 128 p.

Reviewer: Gillian Streeter
Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate
Rating: Outstanding
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Multicultural cookbooks are common in children's literature, but this is one of the few directed at a younger audience. The layout is bright and lively, almost to the point of being busy. The author includes a guide to using the book, with a symbol legend and an explanation of the recipes' layouts. Many photos and maps are included, and the recipes are organized by region-of-origin. The most impressive part of the book is its detailed sections on food preparation. There are the usual glossaries of terms and equipment, but there is also a section dedicated to proper ingredient handling and basic knife skills. The standard warnings regarding sharp or hot implements and adult supervision are present, but the text refreshingly assumes the reader will be a full participant in all aspects of the cooking. The index included at the end makes finding a particular region or type of recipe simple. While relatively short compared to other multicultural cookbooks, this would make a wonderful addition to a home, school, or public library.

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