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## Book Review

# 12 Lucky Animals: A Bilingual Baby Book

### Author

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### Illustrator

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Toddler, Preschool

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### Pages

24

### Year

2018

### ISBN

9781250184245

### Publisher

Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)

What does your Chinese zodiac say about you? Are you hardworking like an ox, or maybe clever and curious like a rat? Find out in Vickie Lee and Joey Chou's *12 Lucky Animals: A Bilingual Baby Book*. The book takes the reader through each of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, outlining their characteristics and giving their names in both English and Chinese. The back of the book features a nifty chart that allows you to see which animal corresponds with your birth year, ranging from 1989-2024.

This darling book is a great introduction to the Chinese culture and language. As a sturdy board book, it's perfect for the grabby, eager hands of toddlers and young children, who are in an exciting phase of acquiring language quickly, and with great excitement. The illustrations are bright, unique, and absolutely adorable. The artwork is evocative of the characteristics of each animal being described. This book would be a great addition to any home or classroom, and would be an excellent way to celebrate Chinese New Year. The book feels authentic, yet approachable by including Chinese characters, as well as the phonetic pronunciation of each animals' Chinese name. Animal primers are always a classic with the tots, and this one's unique cultural angle and charming illustrations make it a great addition to any library.