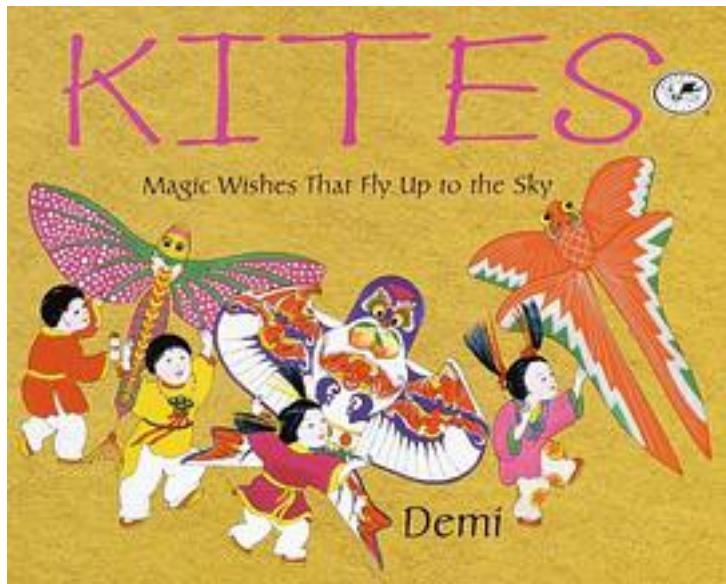


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"The perfect handbook for every kiting enthusiast" More than three thousand years ago, the Chinese used kites to spy on their enemies, send messages and lift themselves up and out of hostile situations. Eighteenth century Japan banned kites because too many workers were out flying them - and staying away from the job. Indonesian fishermen, on the other hand, have used kites in their work for centuries. Kites is a complete guide to kiting -- from flying a paper kite at the park to para-kiting on a lake or ocean. Written in a clear and accessible style, this book features: Detailed descriptions of kites and equipment Step-by-step photographs in full color Guidelines for choosing a kite Basic skills-setup, launch, maneuvers, landing Decorative kites, stunt and sport kites, power kites, water kites and specialty kites Kite-buggyng, para-kiting, wheel-kiting, snow-kiting, kite-surfing Safety guidelines. Step-by-step, full color photographs illustrate each maneuver, and a glossary explains kiting terms such as sheeting, lofting and chicken loop. Kites may have changed over the years, but the

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