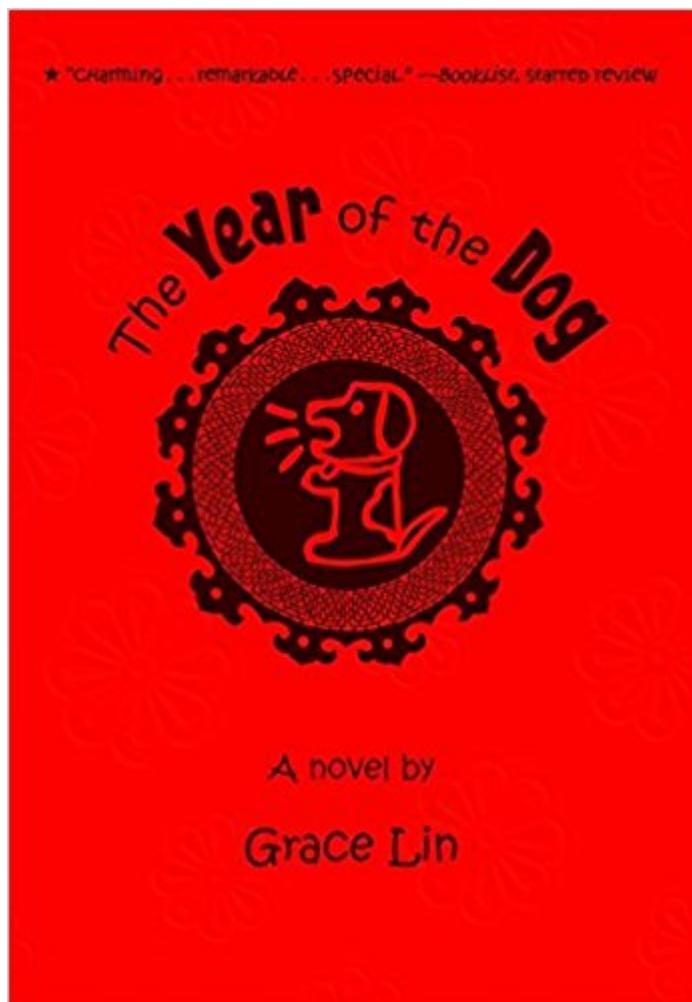


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# The Year Of The Dog (A Pacy Lin Novel)



## **Synopsis**

It's the Chinese Year of the Dog, and as Pacy celebrates with her family, she finds out that this is the year she is supposed to "find herself." Universal themes of friendship, family, and finding one's passion in life make this novel appealing to readers of all backgrounds. This funny and profound book is a wonderful debut novel by a prolific picture book author and illustrator and has all the makings of a classic.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 10 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 3-5  
A lighthearted coming-of-age novel with a cultural twist. Readers follow Grace, an American girl of Taiwanese heritage, through the course of one year. The Year of the Dog as she struggles to integrate her two cultures. Throughout the story, her parents share their own experiences that parallel events in her life. These stories serve a dual purpose; they draw attention to Graces cultural background and allow her to make informed decisions. She and her two sisters are the only Taiwanese-American children at school until Melody arrives. The girls become friends and their common backgrounds illuminate further differences between the American and Taiwanese cultures. At the end of the year, the protagonist has grown substantially. Small,

captioned, childlike black-and-white drawings are dotted throughout. This is an enjoyable chapter book with easily identifiable characters. —Diane Eddington, Los Angeles Public Library  
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\*Starred Review\* Gr. 3-5. When Lin was a girl, she loved the Betsy books by Carolyn Hayward, a series about a quintessentially American girl whose days centered around friends and school. But Lin, a child of Taiwanese immigrants, didn't see herself in the pages. Now she has written the book she wished she had as a child. Told in a simple, direct voice, her story follows young Grace through the Year of the Dog, one that Grace hopes will prove lucky for her. And what a year it is! Grace meets a new friend, another Asian girl, and together they enter a science fair, share a crush on the same boy, and enjoy special aspects of their heritage (food!). Grace even wins fourth place in a national book-writing contest and finds her true purpose in life. Lin, who is known for her picture books, dots the text with charming ink drawings, some priceless, such as one picturing Grace dressed as a munchkin. Most of the chapters are bolstered by anecdotes from Grace's parents, which connect Grace (and the reader) to her Taiwanese heritage. Lin does a remarkable job capturing the soul and the spirit of books like those of Hayward or Maud Hart Lovelace, reimagining them through the lens of her own story, and transforming their special qualities into something new for today's young readers. Ilene Cooper  
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A wonderful, light read that provides insight into the immigrant experience, though this is not the typical immigrant experience. The characters are already middle class, speak strong English, and understand the culture of the US. However, they still stand out at school, and still struggle to mesh where they came from with where they are now. This serves as a fine introduction to Chinese New Year traditions, as well as to the differences between China and Taiwan. My seven-year-old absolutely loved it.

Just what I wanted. Excellent transaction!!

I loved it 10/10! I would read this book forever! I love it because in the book Pacy finds who she really is in The Year Of The Dog.

love it. great paperback condition.

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Bought this for my Asian daughter who lives in Canada and refuses to recognize her Chinese roots. She loved the book and actually related to the girl in the story, and started asking about some of the traditions she read about and seeing some we practice. This is a good peek into the culture.

bought this book for my 9yo daughter. She loves Lin's work.

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