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# Frohliche Weihnachten: Learning Songs & Traditions In German Book & Audio CD (Teach Me) (Teach Me Series) (German Edition)



## Synopsis

Learn the customs and traditions of Christmas in Germany through a bilingual story while enjoying the season's favorite songs. This beautifully illustrated 32 page hardcover book comes with an audio CD, including the narration in German and 15 songs to sing along and enjoy.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I really prefer not to give this book a rating but merely describe what's inside. First, the product description is accurate. The book comes with an audio CD. It is a kids' story-book type book (thin but large = 8-1/2" x 11"), primarily in the German language with text in a large font. As indicated, it is 32 pages - so 2 sides per page equals 16 sheets. Again, story-book type book for either a child to read or a parent to read as a good-night story. The English translations are provided for the text on each page, but due to "real estate" limitations, German text, song lyrics, and English translation and graphics competing with each other, the font for the English translation is about 1/2 the size of the German font and sometimes the translation "refined" to make it more concise (and require less space on the page). The quality of the narration and music / singing is available on the web site for preview, so one can form their own opinions before deciding whether to purchase this book. The selection of songs is somewhat confusing because the primary focus of this book is German traditions, so including songs translated into German, such as White Christmas (USA, Irving Berlin in 1930's / 1940's), Winter Wonderland (USA, 1930's), and Jingle Bells, is kind of an oxymoron. But the author identifies which songs are traditional German carols. The book only provides complete

lyrics for 2 or 3 songs. Only the first and maybe second stanzas of the remaining songs (13 or so) are provided on the pages. It was a let down to see Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht (Silent Night Holy Night) presented with only a single stanza in both versions: English and German. FYI, there are 3 stanzas in the song. In a nutshell, I believe this book is best used by a German speaking parent or grandparent to read to young children before going to bed in the weeks before Christmas telling their (grand)children what Christmas used to be like for them, with maybe some milk and cookies using the recipes in the book - book only provides 3 (Cinnamon Stars, Lebkuchen = Gingerbread, and Baked apples). It is a charming book - but falls short of being a reference on German Christmas traditions. Since it is intended to be a bi-lingual "Teach Me" book, I struggle to think which would've been better: English in large font, with German on the side lines, or as is. For children in the US, I think the former is the better, as I doubt very few kids would have German language skills to read this book at such a young age.

love it! we listen to it and my daughter dances around... i want her to be familiar with other languages. this is my fav of all the ones we have bought. it also teaches a bit about German culture and traditions too which i find valuable in fostering a sense of others-centeredness. i want my kids to know and understand that we Americans aren't "it" and that there are very interesting and valuable things to learn and appreciate about other cultures and people groups.

I really liked this I have been looking for something that would remind me of my childhood. This book was easy to use.

I like the music and the German/English text.

Bought as a gift for our granddaughter who's taking German classes. Great illustrations.

I first saw this book at a friend's house on Christmas Eve. I LOVED the German with English translations. I ended up singing some of the songs for the guests. The songs reminded me of my childhood in Germany! Great book!!

Sehr Gut

WOW! Great to find a German book on ! This is fun for introducing kids to German and what

Christmas traditions they have there. Perfect for Christmas memories for years to come!

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