

Games from Around the World: Korea

판이 | Paengi Korean Spinning Tops

There is a saying that the game of Paengi, top spinning, originated from the play of spinning acorns. Top spinning was recorded as a widely known game in the era of Queen Seondeok of the Silla period.

Tops were made and cut from a heavy and hard wood to make it symmetrical with a sharp-pointed tail then colorfully decorated. A nail or horn was placed at the end of the top to make it spin longer. Along with the top, a whip was made from string attached to a long stick that was used to hit the top in the direction the top is spinning to increase the speed.

Spinning of the block is started by wrapping and unwrapping a string around it, and it continues spinning by being hit with a whip. You can play alone or in groups, including fun games like spinning the longest, farthest, and fastest. You can also set a target point and hit the spinning top to get around the target and back quickly to win the game. There is also a game where you knock down the opponent's top to win the game.

Make Your Own Paengi

Materials:

- + Template
- + Crayons/Markers
- + Pencil
- + Cardboard
- + Scissors/Knife

Directions:

1. Color the design template with crayon or markers
2. Glue it on to a piece of cardboard circle
3. Cut out a hole in the middle of the cardboard
4. Poke a sharpened pencil into the middle hole, make sure it is snugly fit
5. Hold the pencil up right with thumb and index finger, and then spin it

Adult Supervision is recommended for this craft



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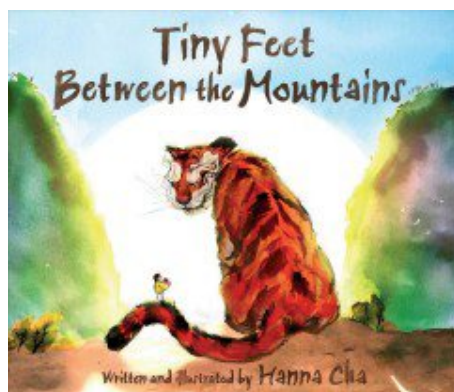


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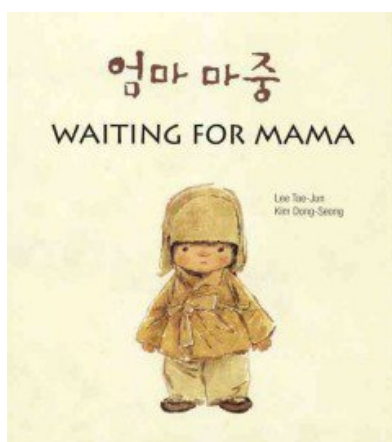
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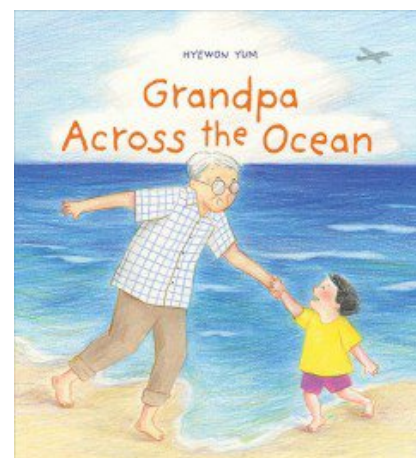
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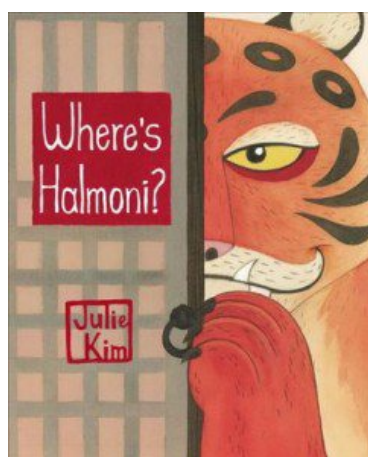
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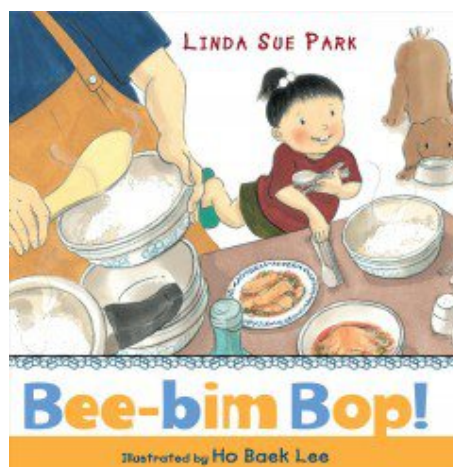
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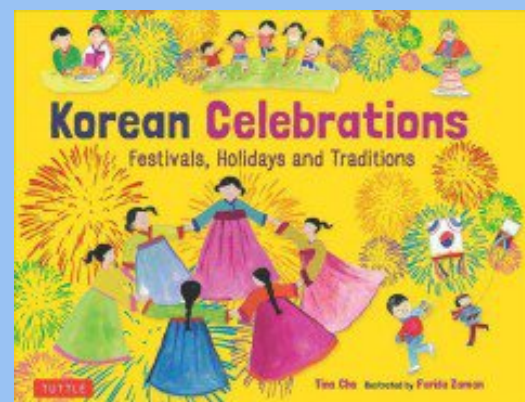


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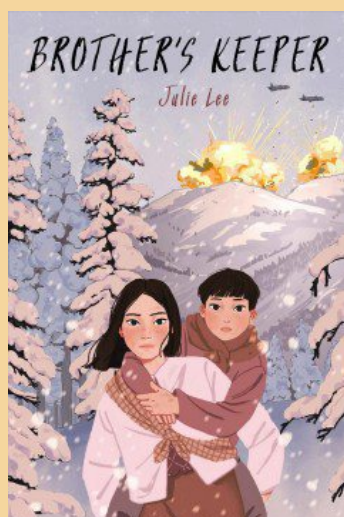
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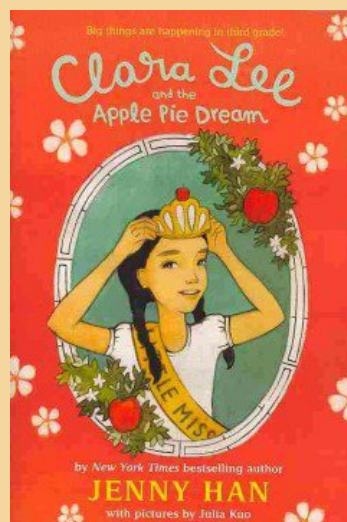


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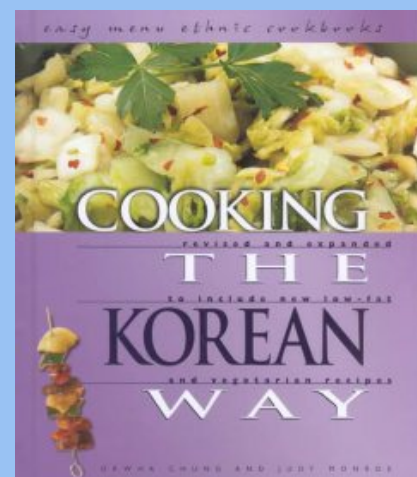
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