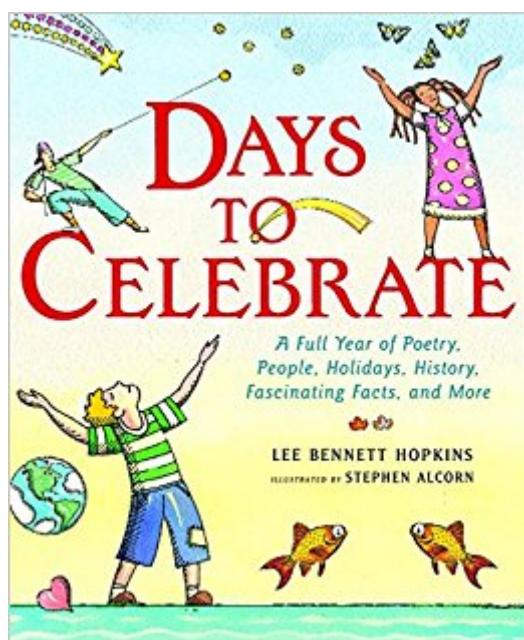


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# Days To Celebrate: A Full Year Of Poetry, People, Holidays, History, Fascinating Facts, And More



## **Synopsis**

In Days to Celebrate Lee Bennett Hopkins has collected an astounding array of information to show us that each day of the year gives us a reason to celebrate. For every month he has compiled a calendar of birthdays, holidays, historic events, inventions, world records, thrilling firsts, and more. And for every month he has selected surprising poems in honor of some of the people and events commemorated in the calendar. There are poems about the seasons and holidays, of course, but there are also poems about a "Flying-Man" (for February 4, Charles Lindbergh's birthday), birds (for April 26, John James Audubon's birthday), windshield wipers (patented November 10), and earmuffs (patented December 21). Beloved poets, such as Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Christina Rossetti, are joined by new voices in sixty poems that take us on a remarkable journey through a year -- and through the years. Stephen Alcorn's illustrations, based on the style of art found in old almanacs, are airy, whimsical, and thought provoking. They perfectly match the breadth and depth of this volume. Brilliantly conceived and elegantly illustrated, Days to Celebrate is a book that pays tribute to the people, events, and poetry that make up our past and will inspire our future.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 1-5 - Each of the 12 sections in this beautiful, useful, and unique almanac begins with a large monthly calendar. This spread has a colored block for each day and delineates historical events and

birth and death dates of famous people. Information about the name of the month, and the flower, birthstone, and zodiac sign associated with it are included in the border, along with a quote from a well-known individual and a "Weather Report" describing an extreme condition that occurred during that time of year. Subsequent pages within each chapter feature appropriate poems along with background information about the people and topics mentioned in the selections. The writers represented include Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, Richard Wilbur, and Gwendolyn Brooks. Alcorn's large, vibrant, whimsical artwork perfectly enhances the prose and verse to make this book a delight to the eye and the ear. The colorful pages are filled with seasonal icons, images of famous individuals, and depictions of children enjoying a variety of activities. In addition to attracting young readers, this volume will have special appeal for teachers who like to infuse the curriculum with poetry, holidays, and historical anniversaries. Many libraries will want copies for both reference and circulation. - Lynda Ritterman, Atco Elementary School, Waterford, NJ Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 4-7. Teachers will embrace Hopkins' latest collection, a wide-reaching selection of poems that tie in with commemorative dates throughout the year. Each month begins with a calendar page noting important historical events and background about the month's name. Following pages match a poem with a relevant date. In the January section, for example, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is observed with a short, biographical paragraph, a quote from King, and Nikki Grimes' poem "A Question for Martin." Hopkins' focus is as wide as the sky, resulting in a somewhat arbitrary collection; included in the celebrated events is "the patent of the first pencil with attached eraser." But the selection of accessible, relevant poems is excellent, and Alcorn's clean-lined illustrations enhance the humor and emotion in the words. An ideal resource for teachers looking for supplemental poems to liven up the classroom. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

My 11 year old Son has enjoyed this book, finding poetry he was interested in has been a challenge but this format (he loves the calendars!) has been a success! The book is really lovely but also informative and colorful, I'm so glad we purchased the book and once again Lee Bennett Hopkins delivers for us! Highly recommended to other Home School Mom's!

Much fun, diverse and varied.

I bought this book for my Niece to read and discuss with her son when he gets a little older. I like to buy my Great Nephew a book for each Holiday every year.

What I like about this book is:> beautiful illustrations!> calendars of birth dates/death dates/important dates> some memorable pieces> poems throughout the year> poems may coordinate with other things kids are learning aboutWhat I don't like:Too many pieces are just too who-cares-y.Still and all, it is a BEAUTIFUL book and would make a great teacher gift. There are neat poems celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr, Ben Franklin, Chinese New Year, Marian Anderson, Harriet Tubman, Babe Zaharias, the Statue of Liberty. So this book would be a good tie in for lessons about MLK and Civil Rights, the Underground Railroad, and Women's rights, among other things.

Great product, great transaction!! I believe I have purchased products are suitable for their own, the price on is a very good quality product sales is very high. The product meets or exceeds everything in the product description. Thanks for a good product. They are ok, but had much better fantastic value and quality product

I enjoy browsing through DAYS TO CELEBRATE. The book is divided into twelve "monthly" sections. Each month has a calendar full of facts both poetry and non-poetry related. Each month's flower, birth stone, and zodiac sign are given. Within each month's section there are four to seven poems related to that month in some way. (It might be a holiday of that month. It might be the poet's birthday month. It might be a historical event being celebrated, etc.) My favorite poem, by the way, is Arithmetic by Carl Sandberg.

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