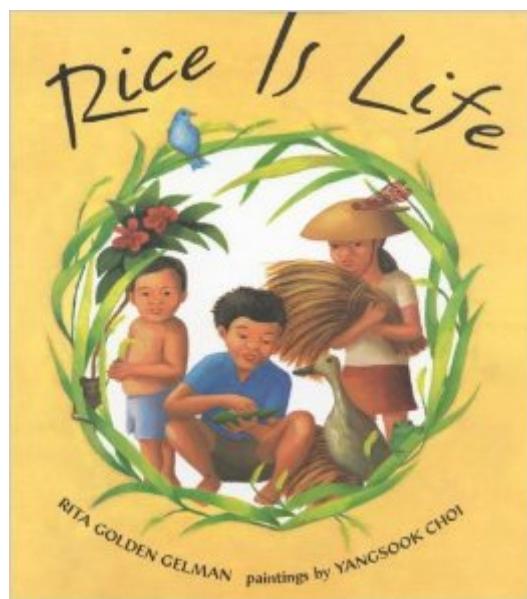


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In Bali, as in many parts of the world, rice is more than just a staple food—rice is life! In Bali, life revolves around the planting and harvesting of rice. While eels slip through the mud and dragonflies flutter overhead, farmers plant seedlings in the wet rice field, or 'saweh.' Soon each plant is crowned with flowers, and tiny green kernels appear. Rain nourishes the kernels, which grow plump and sweet. The green plants turn golden and ripe, and everyone helps harvest the grain. When the harvest is finished, the farmers give thanks to the goddess of rice for a successful crop. From planting the seeds to harvesting the ripe grain, this beautiful, poetic book tells the story of rice and of the Balinese people, for whom rice is life.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book for a class study of Japan. It is actually set in Bali but is a great story about how rice grows. It is especially enlightening for those of us who have no personal knowledge of this process which many of the world's people would consider so common. The book also teaches about the entire ecosystem that has grown up around the rice production (animals, insects, etc) and it is all done as a beautiful rhyming timeline with a factual explanations on each opposite page. I will use this book every year in class.

I love this book. The artwork is colorful and simple, a pleasing combination for the eye. Not cutesy

or too complicated And the story is poignant and accurately told. As the author spent a good deal of time traveling the Bali countryside, she comes to the writing with a real story to tell of the people there. It's a great look at the circle of life in a rice-driven society. The best thing is the combination of poetry on the left pages and nonfiction prose on the right- what a great combination for kids. I highly recommend it!

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