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This new dual language title has a class of children learning about different cultural customs related to the birth of a new child. At their teacher's request, they bring in things that show how their families welcome a new baby into the world, and as they are learning about the five senses, these items are explored and discussed in relation to this topic. An-Mei brings an egg painted red for good luck, Saida brings a lock of her baby brother's hair from when his head was first shaved for the children to feel and describe; Dimitri brings gold and silver coins which make a jingly-jangly sound when shaken. It's an interesting enough text (both Chinese and English are clearly set out in pleasing typefaces), with illustrations that match the storyline well; but I have to admit to finding the colours rather unappealing at first glance. A pity because they are lively and expressive and I came to tolerate some of the pink ice-cream-like backgrounds after a while, but I wonder if they might put off some people from picking up the book at all. The book could provide a useful starting point for discussion about children's own family memories about babies and exchange of different cultural customs related to the birth of a newborn. (Available in 28 dual language editions.)

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