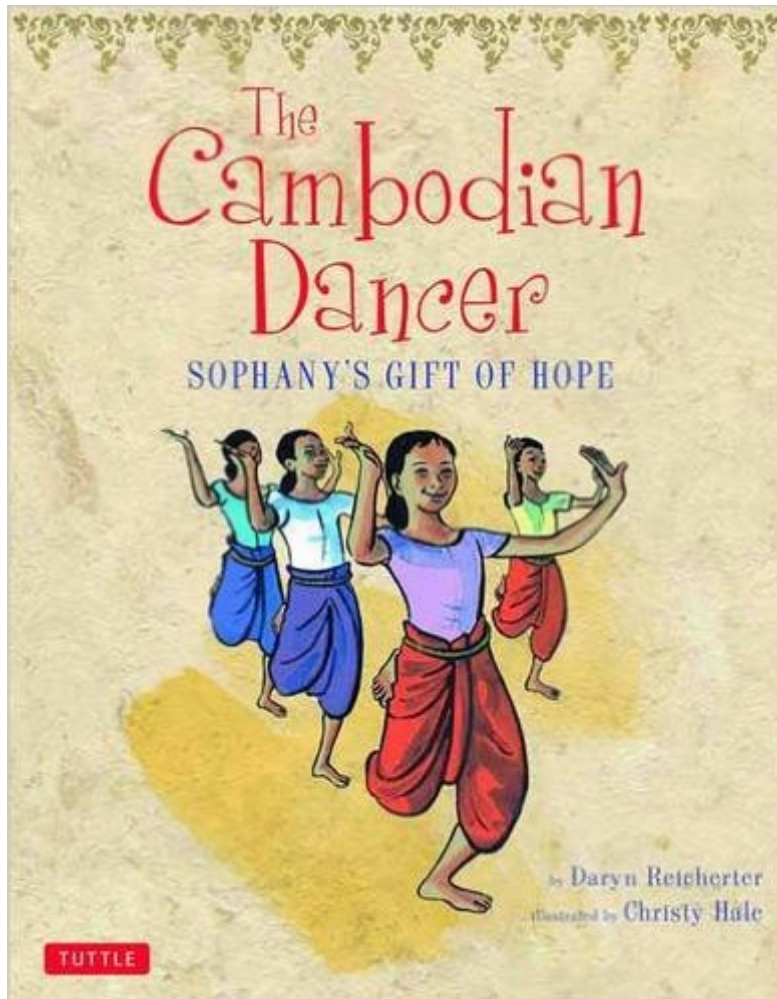


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# The Cambodian Dancer: Sophany's Gift Of Hope



## Synopsis

This beautifully illustrated children's book tells the story of a little Cambodian girl forced to leave her old world behind and find a new home in America. In clear but simple language and vivid illustrations, this Cambodian children's story communicates a sense of the joy, sadness, injustice and triumph that lives on in young Cambodian Americans. It shows that it is possible to overcome great hardship, and that a single decision can do much to heal one's self and others. The Cambodian Dancer is the true story of a Cambodian refugee—a dancer and teacher—who built a life in the US after fleeing the Khmer Rouge. She became a counselor to other Cambodian refugees and created a school of dance for children. Her gift of hope was to teach children in the Cambodian community the traditional dances of Cambodia so that young people growing up far away from the land of their ancestors would know about their culture.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Looking to teach your child about their Cambodian history/culture? I classify this book more as a picture book as it typically has one to three sentences per page. It is a story with a strong message that tells of how the Khmer Rouge destroyed the arts and culture of the people of Cambodia. The message is about how one person helped restore that culture in a distant land. It is an interesting story to be told with a message that shouldn't be forgotten but, and a big but—

I'm not sure if it is right for the typical K-3 crowd. Definitely worth it if you have the cultural connection to the country. If you don't though, the talk of when the bad men came could scare some kids. I do like the book and story, as it has a happy ending when the native dance returns to a new land. Just make sure your child is right for the full message of the book. You don't want them worrying about bad men coming to take things away from here. Received review copy from publisher with promise of honest, unbiased review on blog, not here.

Gorgeous but simple writing and illustrations. A must for every children's library.

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