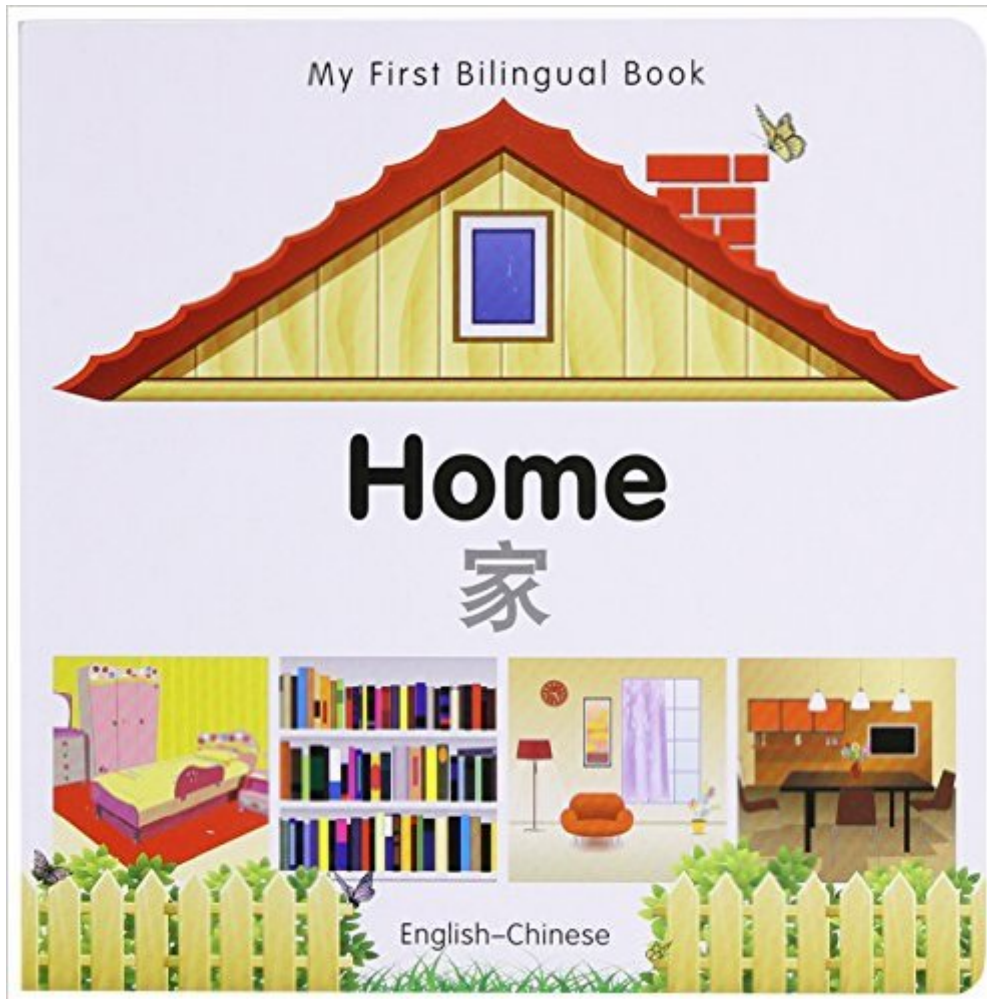


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# My First Bilingual Book-Home (English-Chinese)



## Synopsis

Guaranteed to enrich a toddler's vocabulary, this simple and fun series of bilingual board books is ideal for helping children discover a foreign language. Highlighting more complex concepts that go beyond colors and numbers, titles in the series feature animals, fruit, home, and vegetables. This collection combines photographs, bright illustrations, and dual-language words in clear, bold text. Suitable for both individuals and groups, these books are a child's perfect introduction to exploring other cultures.

## Book Information

Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Series: My First Bilingual Book

Board book: 24 pages

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## Customer Reviews

As someone has already mentioned, the publisher didn't use a "human" translator for the series - at least not for the Russian edition. Some words have a double meaning, and any native speaker knows that. But if you use a translation software of some kind, such mistakes are unavoidable. In Russian, for example, the English word "cup" will be translated as "chashka" (a cup you can drink from) but "kubok" (as in a tournament - for example, The Kremlin Tennis Cup). Open this book, and you'll see that here the translation is all messed up...The idea for the book is good but the way it's delivered is very poor indeed.

I don't like the computer graphics. It makes all the rooms in the house feel cold. The book binding

has been poorly done. When I place the book on the table, it doesn't sit flat. (And yes, I've checked. My table is flat :) )

I like this series of bilingual books. But this one is my least favorite. While the other books contain either photographed pictures or pictures that were drawn to look very real, the pictures in this book are drawn and look like what you would see in cartoons. The translation is also not perfect, showing it was not proof read by a real person. For instance, the word "conditioner" accompany a bottle of conditioner (as in shampoo and conditioner) was translated as "may dieu hoa" (which is an air conditioner).

It's a decent word book (colourful), and it is good that the German articles are included - they do say you should learn them with the nouns, so that you learn the genders. I did find their translation of curtains to "die Gardine" a little odd when the picture shows long curtains. In the area of Germany I had lived in, those would have been "der VorhÃ Â•ang". "Gardinen" were short and often didn't cover the entire window. Perhaps this was something regional though.

This book has helped my daughter with learning German. She really loves the simple around the house words and the cute realistic pictures that help her associate the word to real life objects. I would definitely buy this product or other books by this author again!

The printing is glossy and high quality. The pages are not as thick as the thickest board-books, but seem plenty durable. The illustrations are excellent, with simple details, and vivid, realistic colors. 4-5 items are shown separately on the left hand, and then they are shown in context, in a room, on the right hand side. I really like this approach. To me, this is very developmentally sound for children just learning to talk, and helps them relate the separate objects to similar contexts in their own lives. I love it that a typical "European" kitchen, bathroom and bedroom are depicted. Even the radiator along the wall is present, rather than the more typical American vents. There are other little things that are culturally accurate to Europe, which I find very cool. It means that the publisher actually made the book based on things European children would see, rather than just trying to cram vocab onto the same pictures used for 28 other languages. My rating of this book is in contrast to many other books I've come across in the past. I wasn't quite sure what to expect, when I ordered this, but I'm very pleased. Here's why: It seems like sometimes with German language books for kids, the images are old-fashioned, just plain bad/boring, or worse, developmentally inappropriate for very

young children. For example, I have seen "My first [fill in the blank] vocabulary" books, with pictures of things that are RIDICULOUS for a child just learning to talk/read... Either the items (or the words for the items) are much too complex, or they are things that are simply extraneous to the life of a toddler. That is not the case with this book. In the interest of full disclosure, I am a German teacher, and I have a lot of frustration with publishers who try to use boring, outdated images in edition after edition, as is the case with the textbook my district uses. The "new" edition, published in 2006, still contains most of the original pictures from the 1970s edition. Not cool, Holt, Rinehart and Winston. This is another reason why this book series is like a breath of fresh air for me.

this was a 5 yr olds gift, it is an aid because he is studying spanish in kindergarten and I thought familiar home terms would be a good place to start and practice. Well received - a nice sturdy book with good word depictions.

This is a wonderful book for reading to a kiddo you want to be bilingual. I love that it is in English and Portuguese so that if you are not as confident in your Portuguese you have a ready translation.

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