

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

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What would a pig do with three wishes? Would she make all the same mistakes human wishers do? Wang Wen-Hua creates a hilarious new story out of the most traditional elements of children's fiction, and asks us once again what happiness really means.

During the beautiful New Year's Eve fireworks show, Little Julie Pig sees a firework fall into a big, ripe pumpkin in the woods. Just as she goes to take a bite out of this lovely pumpkin, an elf pops out. She's saved his life, the elf claims, and now he'll grant her three wishes.

What on earth should she wish for? Julie thinks she would just love a bowl of noodles - or maybe even two? The elf shakes his head at her lack of imagination, then teaches her what humans would do with three wishes: choosing finery, money, and power. But what is any of that to Little Julie Pig?

In *A New Year's Wish*, Wang Wen-Hua gives us a new take on an old story, raising questions of happiness and contentment amidst the silliness of a very unconventional subject.

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