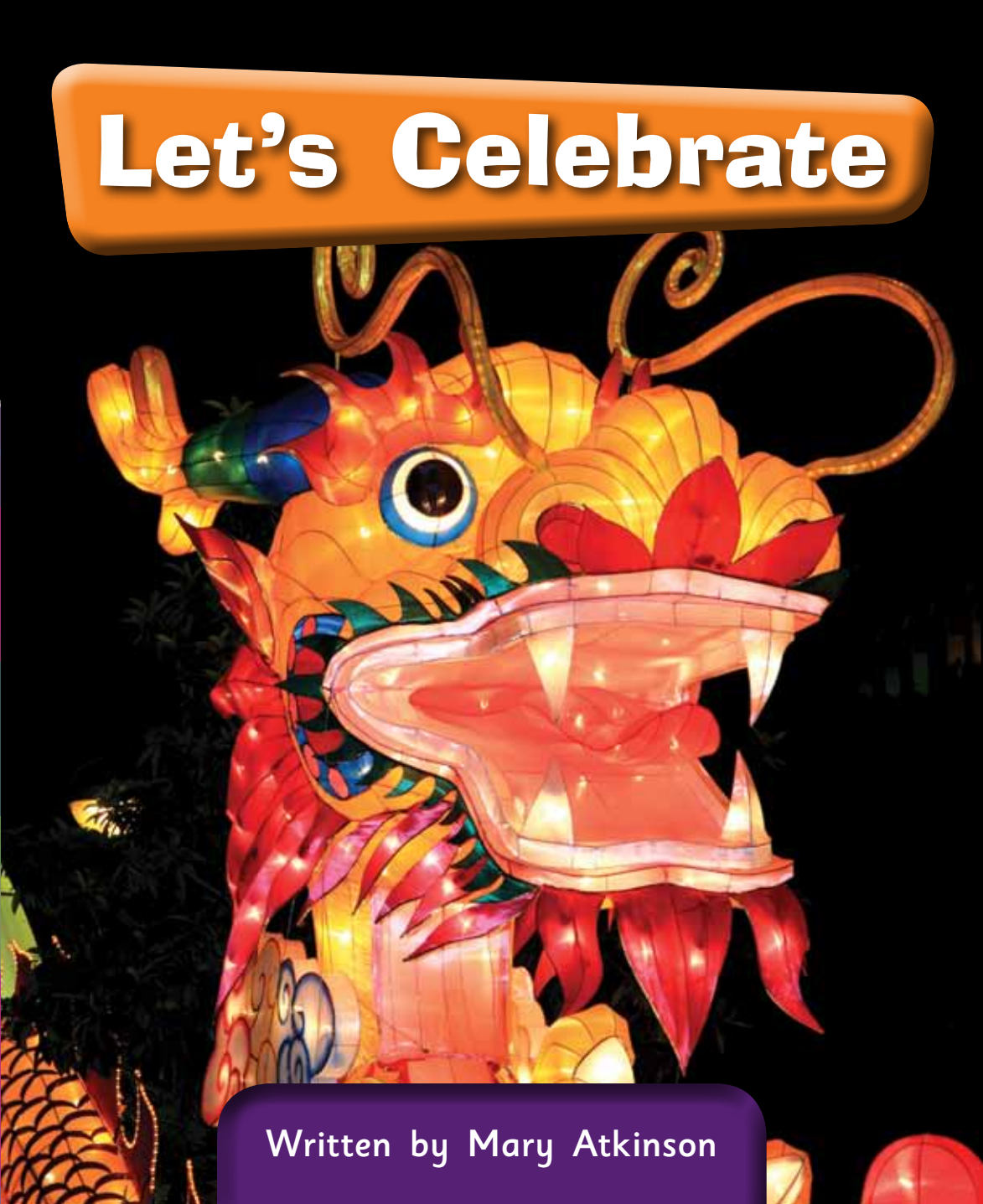
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Lively Festivals

All around the world, people celebrate lively festivals.
Most of these festivals take place each year.

New Orleans has a celebration called Mardi Gras (MAH-dee-grah), with masked balls, parades, and parties.

People eat cakes like this at Mardi Gras.



People wear masks on their faces.
Each day, there is a new parade.
People on the floats give shiny toys, coins, and necklaces to the crowd.



These people are in a Mardi Gras parade.

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A Colourful Festival

Holi (HOH-lee) is a spring festival
in India.
People light bonfires the night before.
Then, the next day,
they go out into the streets.



These people are at a Holi bonfire.

People get covered
in coloured water and powder.
At lunchtime, the fun is finished.
All the people go home to wash.

People have fun on Holi.

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A Children's Festival

Many countries have Children's Day.
In Turkey, some lucky children
get to take on roles,
like being the president for a day.
Many children perform dances.



These children are in Turkey.

In Mexico, children go to concerts
on Children's Day.
Children's Day reminds each of us
that children are our future.

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These children are in Mexico.