

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Important Information

Plot:

In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. While her father tells her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man in the Moon. Inspired by these stories, Minli spends one of her precious copper pennies on a beautiful goldfish, which is said to be able to change the fortune of the owner. Her mother reprimands her for the silly purchase, but, it pays off when the goldfish talks and offers to show her the path to fortune and wealth! Minli is eventually joined by a dragon who can't fly, and together they set out to find the Old Man of the Moon to ask him to fulfill their dreams.

Themes:

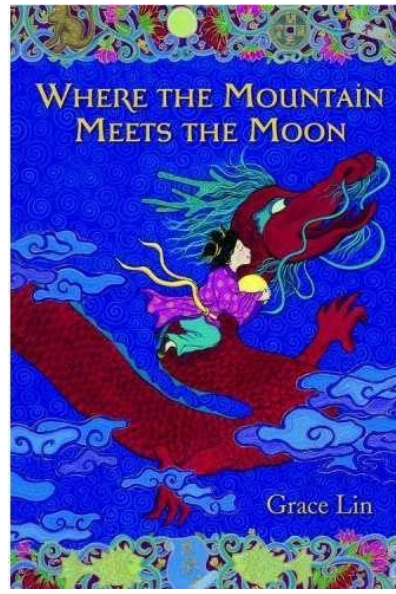
Humour, good versus evil, traditions, teamwork, poverty, folklore

Setting:

Fruitless Mountain, Poor village

MAIN CHARACTERS

Minli	A young girl
Ma	Minli's mother
Ba	Minli's father
Goldfish Seller	The man who sells Minli the Goldfish
Dragon	Minli's friend who could not fly.
Magistrate	A fierce Magistrate known as Magistrate Tiger.
Old Man of the Moon	An elderly man who can predict the future.



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VOCABULARY

Amulet	
Bamboo	Giant woody grass grown in China
Blooming	Flowering and unfolding
Gourd	A large fruit with a hard flesh
Horizon	Where the earth appears to meet the sky
Jade	A green stone used for ornaments
Lotus	A type of flower
Plaintively	Sad or mournful
Resentfully	To express bitterness
Ruefully	Sadly, regretfully
Toiled	Worked really hard
Weariness	Feeling really tired

What Can the Book Teach Us?

- Wealth and fortune does not bring you happiness. Happiness comes from being thankful for what you have.

Quotes

I guess this is a question for the Man of the Moon. Too bad that no-one knows where to find him.

Ah my friend. You have come at just the right time. The children come every night to hear Minli's story of her journey to and from the Never Ending Mountain!