

Discussion Guide for Families



Amma's Sari

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Themes: Emotions and Feelings

Book Brief: Six-year-old Shreya navigates her dual identity as a second-generation migrant, balancing pride in her cultural heritage with the challenges of fitting in. Despite feeling self-conscious about the attention her mother's sari draws, Shreya learns to embrace her culture and celebrate the connections it represents.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

 Ask your child, "Have you ever seen someone wearing clothing that's special to their culture? Maybe someone in our family or someone at school? What did you think about it?"

While Reading: Make Connection

- What do you think about the stories Shreya's mom tells her about the sari? What do those stories say about their family?
- How do you think Shreya feels when people stare at her and her mom? How would you feel if that happened to us?
- Why do you think it's important for Shreya to learn about and appreciate her culture? What does it teach her?

After Reading: Ask Questions

• What traditions do we have in our family that make you feel special or connected to us? How do they make you feel?

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If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, or content. For example: <u>The Girl Who Wore Two Different Shoes</u>