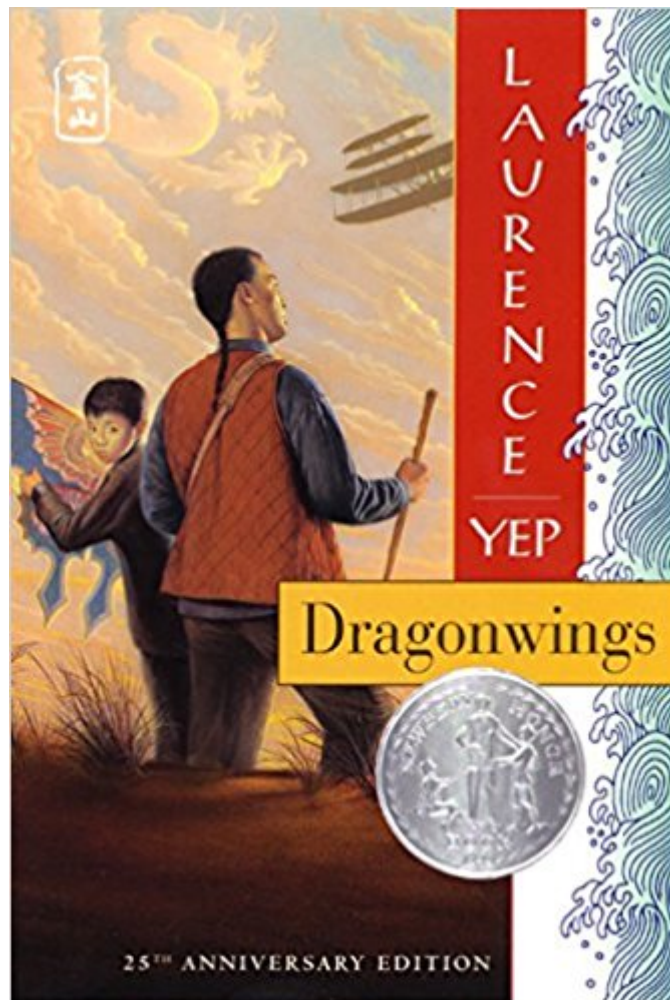


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Dragonwings



Synopsis

Newbery Honor Book *Dragonwings* by Lawrence Yep takes readers on an adventure-filled journey across the world. Inspired by the story of a Chinese immigrant who created a flying machine in 1909, *Dragonwings* touches on the struggles and dreams of Chinese immigrants navigating opportunity and prejudice in San Francisco. Moon Shadow only knows two things about his father, Windrider: he lives in San Francisco and used to craft beautiful kites. One day shortly after his eighth birthday, Cousin Hand Clap arrives with a letter from Windrider asking Moon Shadow to join him in San Francisco. When Moon Rider arrives in America he learns that his father makes a living doing laundry and dreams of building a flying machine just like the Wright Brothers. But making this fantastical dream a reality proves to be no easy task, as intolerance, poverty, and even an earthquake stand in their way.

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Customer Reviews

Grades 4-7--Lawrence Yep's Newbery Honor book (HarperCollins, 1975) offers insights into the lives of Chinese-Americans in early 20th century California. The story begins as eight-year-old Moon Shadow Lee journeys across the Pacific to join his proud and clever father at the family-owned laundry in San Francisco. The boy recounts their problems with prejudice, as well as the kindness of uncles and cousins. Father and son must leave the protection of the family to move out of Chinatown, but they find refuge with a generous and friendly landlady. Once they have successfully established a repair business, they turn their attention to making a flying machine.

Though it's a modern invention, part of their motivation is the elder's belief in his own previous dragon existence. Yep draws heavily on his own heritage, but also includes figures such as Teddy Roosevelt and the Wright Brothers, and historic events such as the San Francisco Earthquake. The result is a heartwarming story set in a familiar time and place, but told from a new perspective. The quiet intensity of B. D. Wong's narration enriches the text as he creates memorable voices for a large cast of characters. Wafting, ethereal music signals the end of each side of the cassette, and the cover art is attractive. The only problem is the lightweight cardboard package, which is not sturdy enough for heavy circulation. That shouldn't deter libraries from purchasing this fine recording which will provide upper elementary and middle school listeners with lessons in history, and a gentle reminder of the value of a loving family and loyal friends. Barbara Wysocki, Cora J. Belden Library. Rocky Hill, CT Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A fine, sensitive novel written with grace in a way that conveys the Chinese American's cultural heritage". (Starred review) -- ALA Booklist "A Chinese immigrant and his son build a flying machine in an unusual historical novel, unique in its perspective of the Chinese in America and its portrayal of early 20th-century San Francisco, including the Earthquake, from an immigrant's viewpoint." -- "School Library Journal" "A fine, sensitive novel written with grace in a way that conveys the Chinese American's cultural heritage." -- "Booklist" "A triumph." -- "The New York Times

Dragonwings is interesting to those students who have Chinese heritage. It gives a vivid account of the Chinese immigration to San Francisco in the late nineteenth century couched in a narrative of hope and determination. I used the books with older English language learners who have been in the American school system since the early grades. Their reading level was good, but the vocabulary level was still challenging.

This was required reading for my son's 6th grade class. I read it, too, and it was excellent. Easy read and great story.

This book deals with racism and hate, it may contain some violent or mature content, but kids need to learn these things somehow, and I read it when I was 10 and it didn't harm me, if anything, it made me more aware. The worst thing you could do to a child is hide him/her from the truth.

I ordered this book for my daughter's school project. I scanned through it and it appears to be a great read. My daughter enjoys reading it.

Verry nice story my son enjoy a lot this book , we read together every night and then we talk about the events and then my son love it so much that he read this book 3 times

I bought this book for my 7th grade son. He needed a book on historical fiction. He finished the book in record time because it was such a great story.

Wonderful book

My daughter needed this book for school. She enjoyed it. It was nice to have our own copy at home and be able to read ahead

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