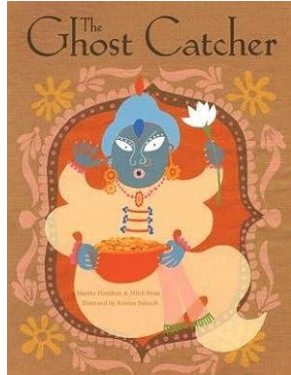


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Ghost Catcher: A Bengali Folktale

Author: Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss

Illustrator: Kristen Balouch

Themes: Generosity, Overcoming Fears, Resourcefulness

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "What does a barber do as a job?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Think about the banyan tree being an important part of the story.
- Think about the words *clever* and *resourceful* in terms of the barber.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What did you learn from the story about making changes and looking out for yourself, your family, your community?"
- Ask, "What did you learn about being clever and resourceful?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, draw illustrations of the barber's customers, the barber's tools, the ghosts, the banyan tree, and the various "payments" the ghosts made to the barber.
- Talk about the words *clever* and *resourceful*. Discuss how the barber was both.