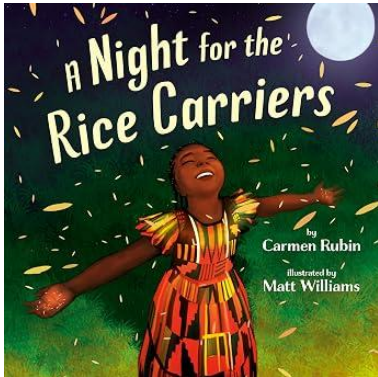




A Night for the Rice Carriers

Author: Carmen Rubin

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Themes: Girls & Women, Traditions, West Africa

Book Brief: The story follows a young narrator who joins their community in a special nighttime tradition: carrying rice to share with others.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you learned of a family tradition, passed down from generation to generation?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Think about how the girl in the story must have felt hearing the stories of the rice carriers?
- Think about the importance of sharing family and community traditions.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn from the story about the courage of the rice carriers?”
- Ask, “What did you learn about the importance of carrying on traditions?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, try drawing a picture to illustrate the story, including the rice.
- Read [The Keeping Quilt](#) for a story similar to *A Night for the Rice Carriers*. How are the stories the same or different?