

A Night for the Rice Carriers

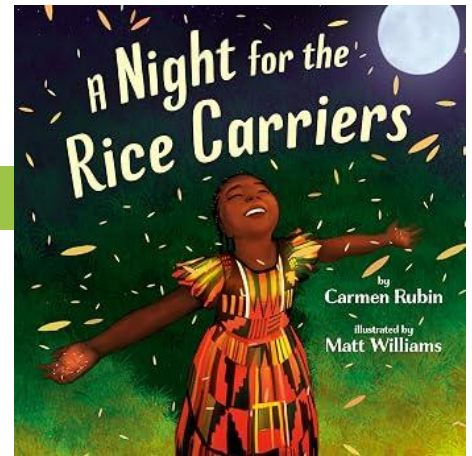
READ ALOUD GUIDE

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.

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Illustrator:
Matt Williams



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, “Have you ever had a special family tradition that was passed from generation to generation?”

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, think about how the young girls in the village were introduced to the tradition and celebration of the rice carriers.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What traditions are shown in the story?
- What happens during the nighttime gathering?
- How do the characters show responsibility?
- What emotions are connected to the rice-carrying ritual?
- How does the main character feel about their responsibility? What clues show this?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “What life lessons are we learning by reading the book, *A Night for the Rice Carriers*?”

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.