



Commissioner's Book Club

Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon

Discussion guide

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Art can help make things better in society. It can do this in many ways. One way is by showing people what's unfair in the world. Art can also help people understand each other better. When we read a story about someone's life, we can imagine what it's like to be them. Art can also be a way for people to stand up for what's right and to feel like we all belong.

We hope that both adults and children will engage with these books and that caregivers find these discussion questions useful in initiating conversations with the young people in their lives.

- ★ What do you remember most about Amy's dragon? What makes Amy's dragon special?
- ★ Have you ever made something that felt special to you?
- ★ What kinds of dragons do you like? Are they big, small, scary, kind...?
- ★ Where do you think your ideas about dragons come from? Can you think of pictures or parades or costumes or stories that look similar to your dragons? Where did Amy get her ideas of what a dragon would look like?
- ★ If you made a dragon, what would it look like? What colors or shapes would you put on your own patchwork dragon?
- ★ Why do you think Amy added so many different pieces to her dragon?
- ★ If you could tell Amy one thing after reading her story, what would it be?