

Asha and the spirit bird

Important information

Plot

Inspired by the **spirit** of her grandmother in the form of a lamagaia **bird**, **Asha** decides to set off on a dangerous journey, to find her father and bring him home before money-lenders make them penniless.

Themes

Religion, dilemma and friendship

Setting

This book is set in the foothills of the Himalayas. Asha takes a journey across India, to the City of Zandapur where her father is.

Context

Jasbinder was born in a stable on a family farm in India. When she was one and a half years old she moved to Nottingham, England. Jasbinder went to University in Bath, where she graduated with a degree in 'Writing for young people'. She currently works as a teacher, inspiring young children to become authors just like her.

What can this book teach us?

us?

This book can teach us about friendship, decision making and being a risk taker.

Quotes

"I wake in sudden panic and sit bolt upright. is it time to go?"

"I push the gate hesitantly, expecting it to be locked, but it swings open with a loud creak"

Writing genres covered

Adventure fiction

Name of book:

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Characters

Asha

Asha comes from a poor family that own a farm. Her birthday is on Diwali and she is almost 12 years old. Asha is driven and feisty, she knows what she wants.

Jeevan

Jeevan is Asha's best friend. They live in the same village and spend their days playing by the mango tree. Jeevan has always been there for Asha and is a really goo friend.

The Spirit Bird

Asha believes the spirit of the Nanijee (grandma) is in the body of a lamagaia. She thinks the curious, gentle bird can help her on her quest.

Key word

Definition

Lamagaia

A bearded vulture.

Hesitates

Pause in indecision.

Disintegrates

Break up into small parts.

Spirit

The soul of someone or something.