

The Conch Bearer

Important information

Plot

This book is about a twelve year old boy, who is approached by an old man and asked to be a conch bearer. The boy needs to keep the shell safe from a thief and return it to its rightful place without anything happening to it.

Themes

Magic, mythical and friendship

Setting

The story is set in the busy Indian city Kolkata. The boy and his companions travel across India on their quest, seeing famous sights such as the Himalaya's and the Taj Mahal .

Context

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is an Indian-American author and poet. Chitra attended many different universities and is now a creative writing author at the University of Houston. She has won many awards for her brilliant writing and is well known for her book The Forest of Enchantment.

What can this book teach us?

us?

This book can teach us about friendship, decision making and making the right choices.

Quotes

"A pure light, bluish white and unlike anything Anand had ever seen, glowed out from the centre of the cloth."

"The conch's energy is so potent"

Writing genres covered

Mythical , fantasy and adventure.

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Characters

Anand	Anand is a lanky, poor 12 year old boy, that works extremely hard so his mum can make ends meet. He believes in magic and cant believe his luck when he sees the conch.
Haru	Haru is Anand's boss. He is a nasty piece of work, Haru spends most of his day shouting and bossing Anand around the tea stall.
The old man	The old man or beggar as he is called by Haru, befriends Anand. He tells him about a magical brother hood and ask s him to guard a magical conch shell.
<u>Key word</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Bearer	Someone that holds or looks after something.
Poten	Having great power or effect.
Throbbled	Feeling something that beats or has a particular rhythm.
Conch	A tropical/marine shell.