

Miri's Moving Day: Educator Guide



Created by Adam Chang & Stephanie Wildman





Discussion Topics



Feeling at Home: What does home mean to you? Is it a place? Is it a feeling? Can it be both? What people or objects give you a feeling of safety?

Feelings about change: How would you feel if your favorite restaurant changed your favorite meal? What makes you feel happy when things change? What other feelings come up for you when there is a change? Why? Do any people or objects make you feel more comfortable with change?



1. Before Reading the Book:



How do you choose a book to read? Look at the front and back covers. Read the blurb on the inside flap. Did they make you curious to see what this story is about?

Miri is moving! Where do you think Miri lives? Where do you think she is going? How do you think she feels? How would you feel if you were moving out of the place you live right now? If you would be excited to move, where would you like to go? If you would not want to move, why would you want to stay where you are?

2. Read the story:

(Places to pause or conversations to return to after reading the entire book)

(a) Pause as Miri gazes at the stone lions. As the backmatter explains, these statues embody strength, and many cultures believe they drive away evil spirits. Does your family believe in any rituals or items that help protect you?

(b) Pause as Zayde drives Miri and Yeh Yeh to the new apartment. What does Miri see out the window? What types of feelings are coming up for Miri?

(c) Pause as the family gathers round to hang the mezuzah. Notice the white circular caps that Zayde and Miri's father both wear. Sometimes called a skullcap in English, those caps would be called kippah or kippot in Hebrew or yarmulke in Yiddish. Wearing a head covering can be a cultural sign of respect. Or removing one's hat when the "Star-Spangled Banner" plays can be a sign of respect. Do you wear anything to cover your head? Does it have a special meaning?

3. After Reading the Book:

What was your favorite part of the story? Why?

What does home mean to Miri? What people or objects make her feel safe?

How does Miri feel about change? Do her feelings about moving transform during the story? Do they change?

WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the following words in the grid



R	R	I	E	V	Z	T	C	E	E	H	I	B	E
E	B	A	E	E	E	S	E	E	U	A	H	Z	A
T	I	G	B	E	O	N	Z	H	I	M	M	H	O
A	M	H	U	F	N	O	M	E	E	H	E	E	A
A	O	A	B	F	Y	I	H	Y	I	A	V	R	M
M	V	E	B	I	H	L	E	H	E	M	E	H	O
U	E	U	E	C	H	U	E	E	I	G	Z	C	H
A	E	B	B	E	M	A	M	Y	M	H	M	H	C
M	E	O	M	C	A	B	I	I	Z	T	F	I	G
E	M	Z	Y	R	I	R	R	Z	C	A	Y	Y	I
D	O	G	M	E	B	Y	I	H	E	A	Z	R	Z
E	H	M	M	A	B	T	E	Z	A	Y	D	E	E
A	N	O	M	M	H	I	U	B	I	H	E	B	G
I	H	A	Z	U	Z	E	M	R	H	E	A	Z	O

MEZUZAH

MIRI

HOME

MAH MAH

BUBBE

YEH YEH

ZAYDE

MOVE

GIFT

LIONS

ICE CREAM



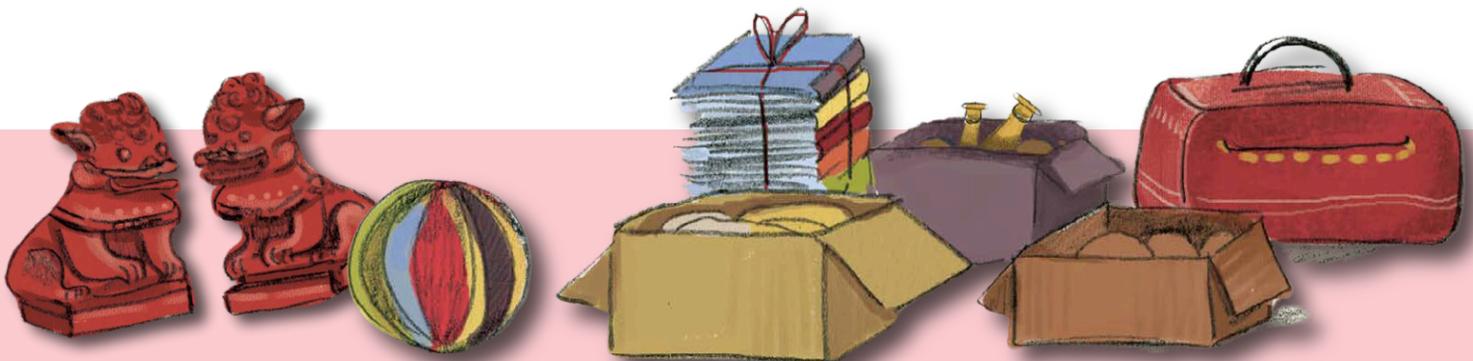
WORD SEARCH: ANSWER KEY

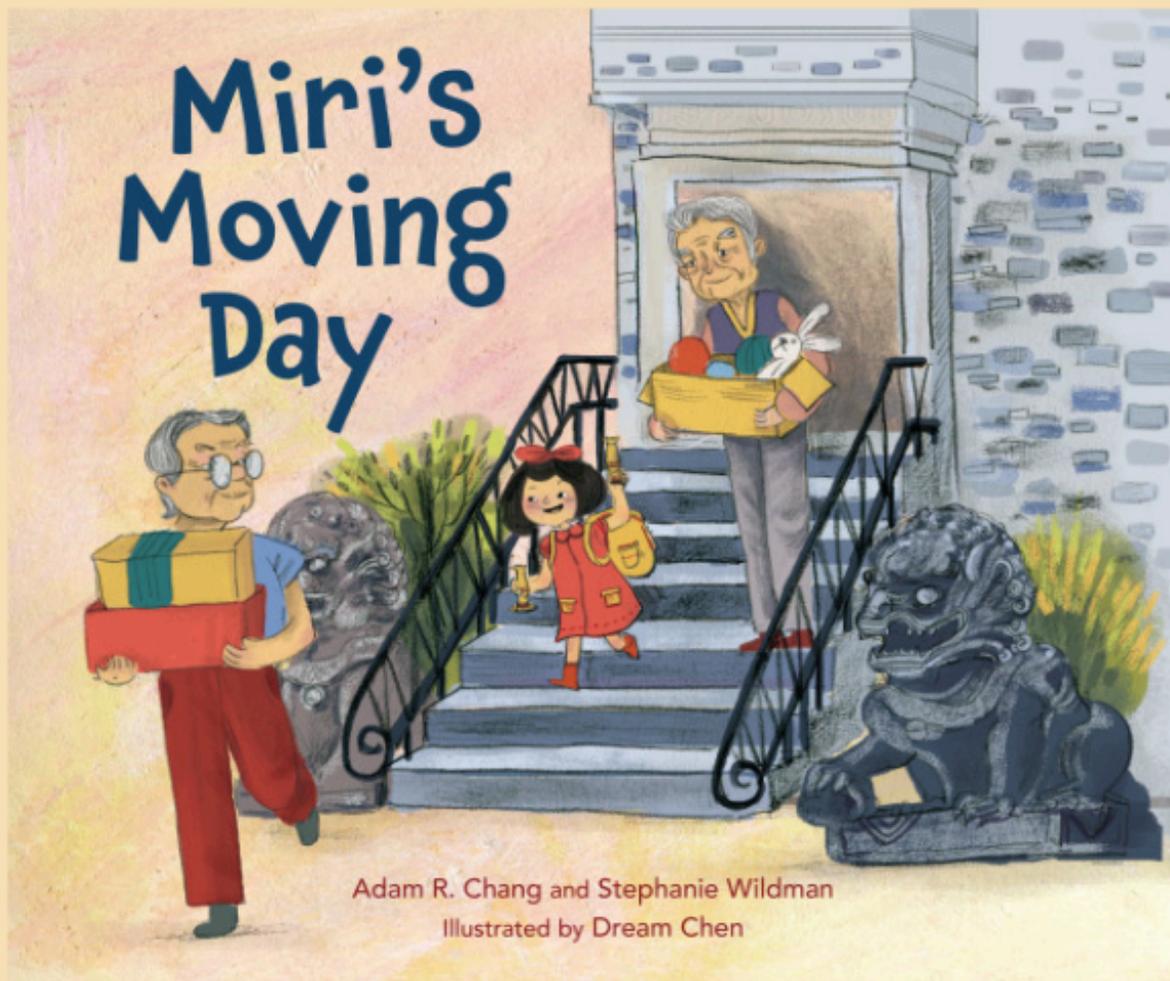
Find and circle the following words in the grid



R	R	I	E	V	Z	T	C	E	E	H	I	B	E
E	B	A	E	E	E	S	E	E	U	A	H	Z	A
T	I	G	B	E	O	N	Z	H	I	M	M	H	O
A	M	H	U	F	N	O	M	E	E	H	E	E	A
A	O	A	B	F	Y	I	H	Y	I	A	V	R	M
M	V	E	B	I	H	L	E	H	E	M	E	H	O
U	E	U	E	C	H	U	E	E	I	G	Z	C	H
A	E	B	B	E	M	A	M	Y	M	H	M	H	C
M	E	O	M	C	A	B	I	I	Z	T	F	I	G
E	M	Z	Y	R	I	R	R	Z	C	A	Y	Y	I
D	O	G	M	E	B	Y	I	H	E	A	Z	R	Z
E	H	M	M	A	B	T	E	Z	A	Y	D	E	E
A	N	O	M	M	H	I	U	B	I	H	E	B	G
I	H	A	Z	U	Z	E	M	R	H	E	A	Z	O

- MEZUZAH
- MIRI
- HOME
- MAH MAH
- BUBBE
- YEH YEH
- ZAYDE
- MOVE
- GIFT
- LIONS
- ICE CREAM





Miri's Moving Day

Ages: 4 - 8 LB: 979-8-7656-0301-7 • \$19.99 (list) • \$14.99 (S&L)

EB: 979-8-7656-3187-4 • \$33.32 (list) • \$24.99 (S&L)

Adam R. Chang is a second-generation Asian American author, foster-adoptive parent, and owner of a home-and-garden business. *Miri's Moving Day* is his first picture book.

Stephanie Wildman is a grandmother, law professor emerita, and the author of five books and dozens of articles from her life as a law professor. *Miri's Moving Day* is her fifth picture book.

Dream Chen is an artist with a background in illustration and animation. She teaches at the Shanghai University of Engineering Science International Institute of Creative Design.