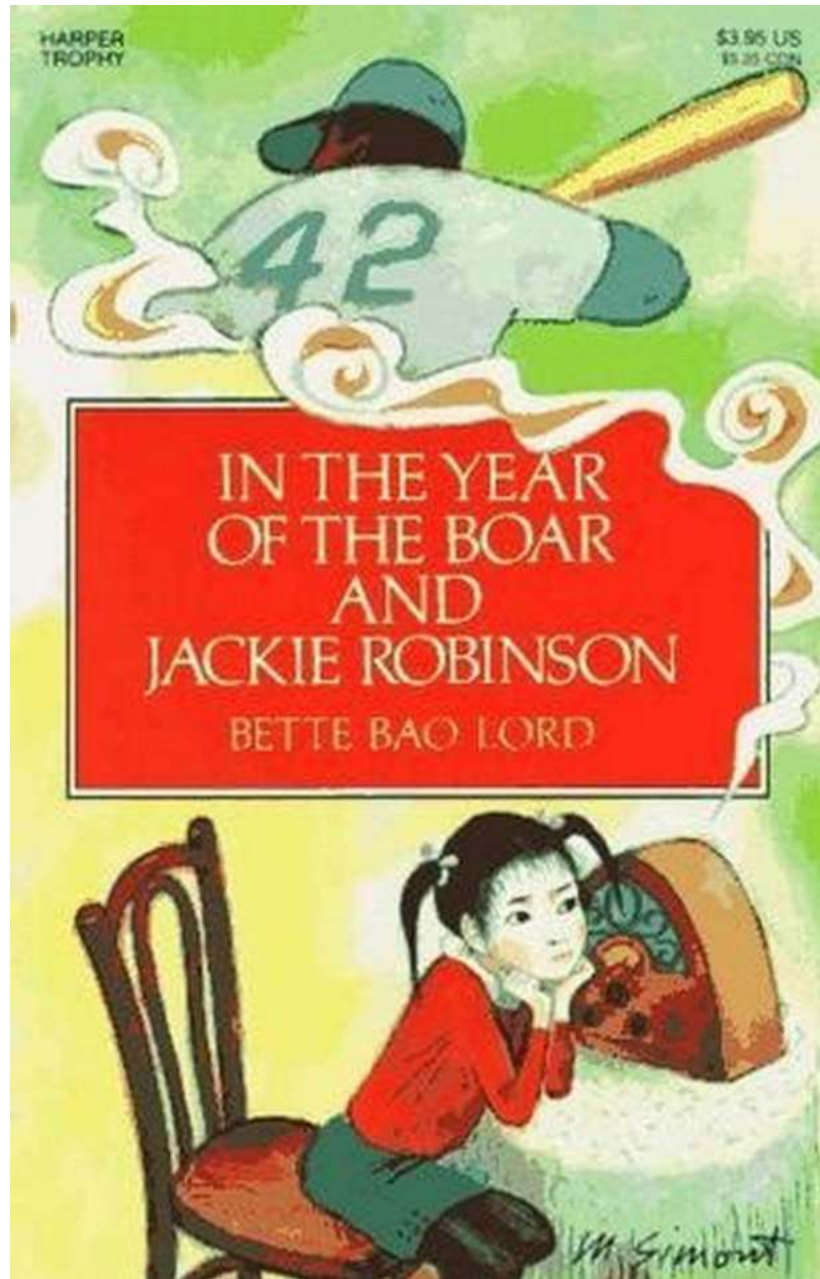


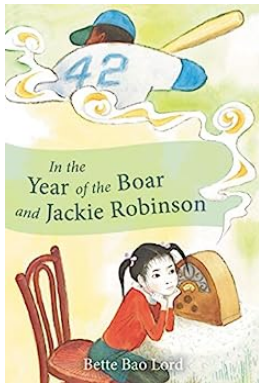
The Unforgettable Journey of Shirley Temple Wong: In The Year Of The Boar And Jackie Robinson



Published in 1984, "In The Year Of The Boar And Jackie Robinson" by Bette Bao Lord is a captivating coming-of-age story that takes readers on an unforgettable

journey with its protagonist, Shirley Temple Wong, as she navigates the challenges of adapting to a new culture, overcoming language barriers, and discovering her own identity in America.

The novel is set in the 1940s and begins in China, where a young Shirley Temple Wong lives with her parents in a small village. Life is simple, but not without hardships. Shirley's father immigrates to the United States in search of better opportunities, leaving Shirley and her mother behind with a promise to send for them once he is settled. Several years pass, and finally, Shirley and her mother receive the long-awaited letter that will change their lives forever.



In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

by Bette Bao Lord (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

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Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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"In The Year Of The Boar And Jackie Robinson" follows Shirley's journey to America and her experience as an immigrant in Brooklyn, New York. She arrives speaking limited English and faces numerous cultural differences. However, through her resilience, determination, and guidance from both her old and new friends, Shirley starts to embrace her new life.

The book's title is a clever play on words, as it refers to both the Chinese zodiac animal, the boar, and the legendary baseball player Jackie Robinson. The inclusion of Jackie Robinson in the book's title hints at the importance of baseball as a symbol of American culture and unity, as well as the role it plays in Shirley's journey.

Baseball becomes a common ground for Shirley and her classmates, allowing her to form connections and build friendships. As she learns more about the sport, Shirley becomes a devoted fan of Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. Robinson's inspiring story mirrors Shirley's own struggle to overcome adversity and discrimination.

Bette Bao Lord beautifully portrays the challenges faced by immigrants and the power of embracing diversity. Through Shirley's eyes, readers gain a deeper understanding of the immigrant experience and the importance of acceptance and unity in a multicultural society.

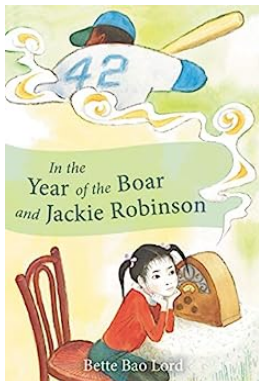
The book also explores themes of identity and belonging. As Shirley adjusts to American customs and navigates between her Chinese heritage and American lifestyle, she begins to forge her own unique identity. The support she receives from her friends and family contributes to her self-discovery and growing self-confidence.

Lord's writing style captivates readers with its vivid descriptions and heartfelt storytelling. The author's ability to transport readers to the streets of Brooklyn and make them experience Shirley's journey firsthand is truly remarkable. The narrative is filled with heartwarming moments, humorous anecdotes, and poignant reflections that resonate with readers of all ages.

"In The Year Of The Boar And Jackie Robinson" is a timeless tale that celebrates the triumph of the human spirit, the power of friendship, and the beauty of diversity. It teaches us that no matter where we come from or what obstacles we face, with determination and perseverance, we can achieve greatness.

Whether you are a young reader discovering this book for the first time or an adult revisiting a beloved childhood favorite, "In The Year Of The Boar And Jackie Robinson" will continue to inspire and resonate with readers for generations to come.

Keywords: In The Year Of The Boar And Jackie Robinson, Bette Bao Lord, immigrant experience, coming-of-age, Brooklyn, baseball, diversity, identity, belonging, friendship



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Shirley Temple Wong sails from China to America with a heart full of dreams. Her new home is Brooklyn, New York. America is indeed a land full of wonders, but Shirley doesn't know any English, so it's hard to make friends.

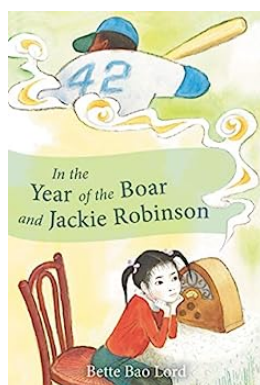
Then a miracle happens: baseball! It's 1947, and Jackie Robinson, star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is a superstar. Suddenly Shirley is playing stickball with her class and following Jackie as he leads the Brooklyn Dodgers to victory after victory.

With her hero smashing assumptions and records on the ball field, Shirley begins to feel that America is truly the land of opportunity—and perhaps has also become her real home.



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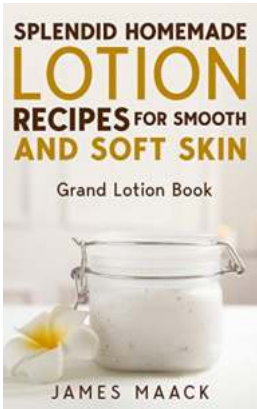
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