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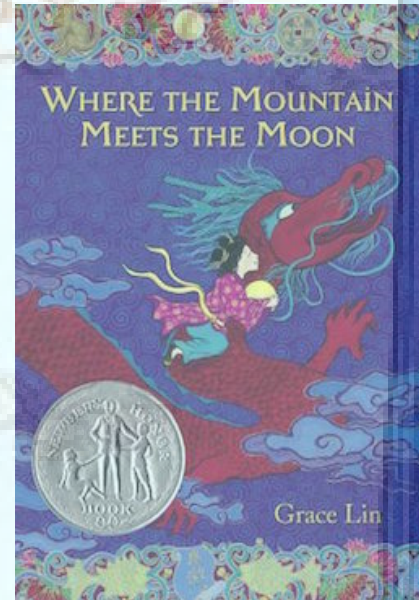
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Where The Mountain Meets The Moon

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Poor in the valley of Fruitless Mountain, our main character Minli and her family earned their daily rice by working and scraping in the fields near their home. Her sole joy came at night when her father told her wonderful stories from far away places. One day Minli bought a goldfish as she thought it could improve her fortunes, but when her mother saw it, she was mad as she thought it is a kind of waste of money, so Minli freed the fish and set it in the river. Little does she suspect that this single act will give her the impetus to seek her family's fortune by leaving to find the Old Man of the Moon. Along the way Minli made friends and outwits foes in her attempt to help not just herself but those she loves and cares about.

One of the other remarkable things about the book is that the story isn't just Minli's journey we're watching but the emotional journey of her mother. From scraping harpy into loving appreciative person, we see this change come about thanks to her grief. We should also notice that how much Minli's parents care for their absent daughter, even while she's off having adventures. There's a kind of tacit understanding at work here. No matter how far you go, your parents will still be back at your home waiting for you.