

Global Book Bag

Title: The Most Beautiful Thing

Author: Kao Kalia Yang

Global Competence: Actively listen to others.



A warmhearted and tender true story about a young girl finding beauty where she never thought to look.

Drawn from author Kao Kalia Yang's childhood experiences as a Hmong refugee, this book portrays a family with a great deal of love and little money. Weaving together Kalia's story with that of her beloved grandmother, the book moves from the jungles of Laos to the family's early years in the United States. When Kalia becomes unhappy about having to do without and decides she wants braces to improve her smile, it is her grandmother, a woman who has just one tooth in her mouth who helps her see that true beauty is found with those we love most. Stunning illustrations from Vietnamese illustrator Khoa Le bring this intergenerational tale to life.

Virtual Library Shelf

<https://bit.ly/3gIXAUV>

Bag Contents:

- Book
- Notebook
- Pencil

Directions:

- With an adult in your home, read the book or watch the read aloud.
- Open the notebook to the next blank page.
- Write your name and the date on the top.

1. Write or draw about your visits with your grandparents or other important adults that care for you. What do you like to do with them?

2. Have an adult in your home tell you one of their favorite stories and you can draw a picture of something from the story on the blank page provided.

Keep Learning! (optional)

1. Read another story from this author and see if it connects to this story.
2. Discuss what it means to “Actively listen to others.”

