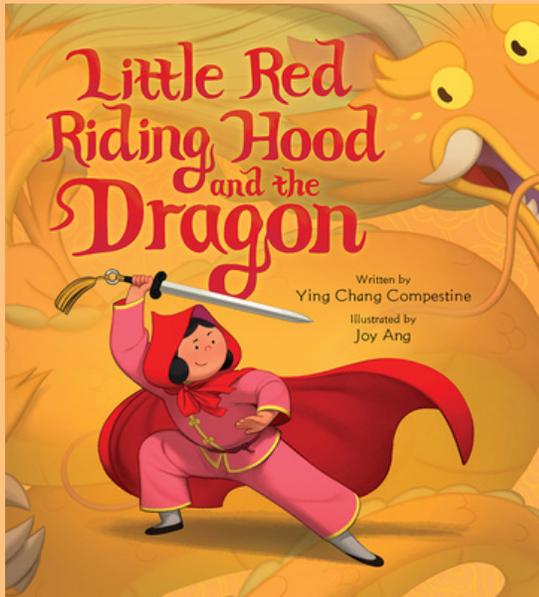


# Educational Guide



*By now, you have probably heard the old folk tale about a girl in a red cape. The truth is that the story took place here in China, there wasn't a woodsman, and I, the gentle wolf, certainly was not the one who ate them.*

*Here is the real story.*

This is not the story you think you know. In this version of the classic fairy tale, Little Red lives in a village near the Great Wall and trains in kung fu. When she ventures to her grandmother's to deliver rice cakes and herbal medicine, she encounters something much more fearsome than a wolf—a mighty dragon. With her wits and a sword in hand, Little Red must valiantly defend herself and her grandmother in this vibrant retelling from Ying Chang Compestine and Joy Ang.

“...whimsically reframes the classic European folktale from a Chinese point of view. . . a delicious, original, and highly entertaining story.”

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## About the author

Ying Chang Compestine is the multi-talented author of 20 books including fiction, picture books, and five cookbooks. Her keen interest in cuisine has led her to weave food into all of her writing—including cookbooks, novels, and picture books for young readers. Her highly acclaimed novel about her life growing up in China during the Chinese Cultural Revolution, *Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party*, has received over 30 national awards, and has been included in school syllabi globally. It was also selected for the One Book/One County reading program in Santa Clara California.

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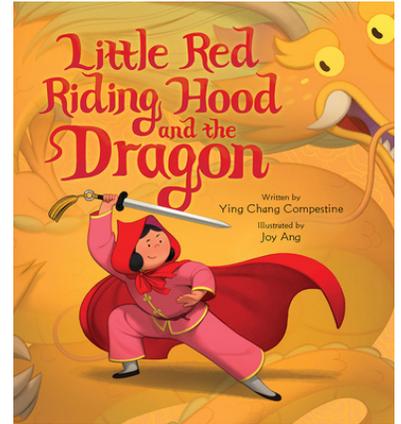


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2. What did Little Red find in Dragon's belly?

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List three adjectives to describe Little Red:

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3. What would you do to scare Dragon away?

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4. Draw items that you think Dragon might swallow.