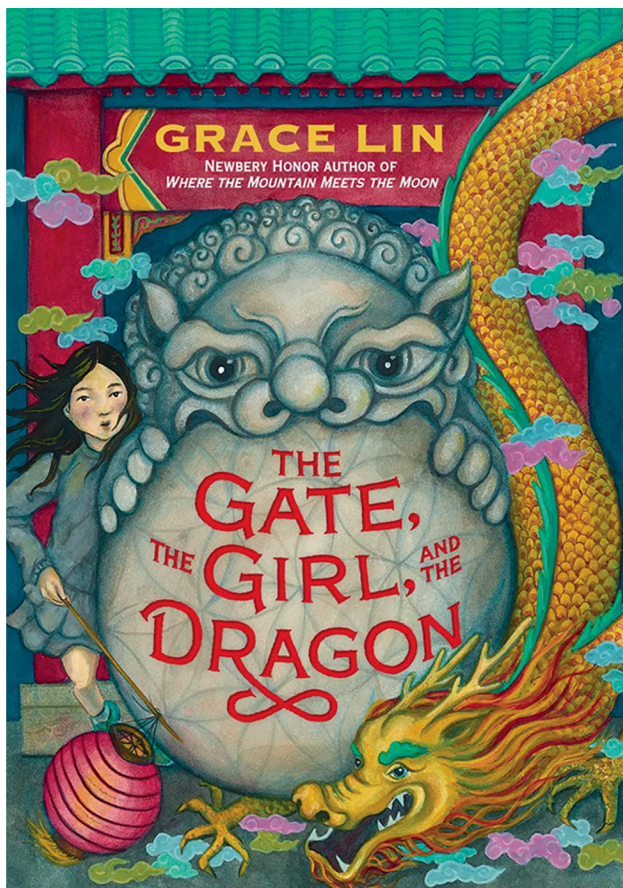


WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF THE GATE, THE GIRL, AND THE DRAGON

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In this book, you will meet the Gongshi.

WHO ARE THE GONGSHI?

Gongshi are statue spirits. They are the spirits that are born when statues are carved from a special stone.

ARE THE GONGSHI GOOD SPIRITS?

Yes, the Gongshi are very good! Their job is to watch over people and to help whenever they can.

HOW DO THE GONGSHI DO THEIR JOB?

The Gongshi are invisible to people, but they are able to touch things. They try to push us out of the way of moving cars or keep us from falling when we stumble. Have you ever had a close call? A Gongshi might have saved you!

DO THE GONGSHI LIKE THEIR JOB?

Yes! But just like everyone, sometimes they need a break from their job. And when they do, they go through the Old City Gate.

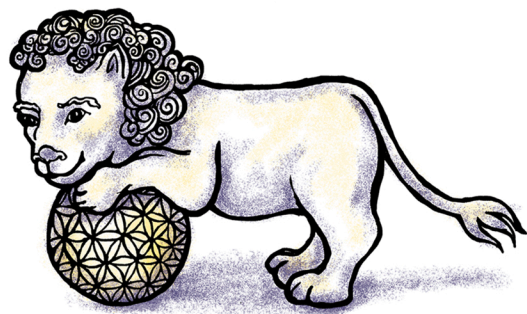
WHY IS THE GATE IMPORTANT?

Well, when people go through the gate, we remain on the same busy street in the city. But, when Gongshi go through the gate—they enter a different world. They enter a spirit world where they can rest and relax. The Gate is a portal to the World of the Gongshi.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS BOOK?

The main character in this book is a Gongshi named Jin—he is the spirit of a lion cub statue, one of the stone lions that guard the gate. Jin thinks guarding the Gate is boring until one day he accidentally closes it, leaving all the Gongshi trapped in their spirit world and himself stuck in ours! To open the Gate again, Jin needs the help of a girl that can hear a mysterious voice and a worm that claims he is a dragon.

Will Jin be able to to open the Gate again? Will he get home? Will the rest of the Gongshi be freed? Find out when you read the book!



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