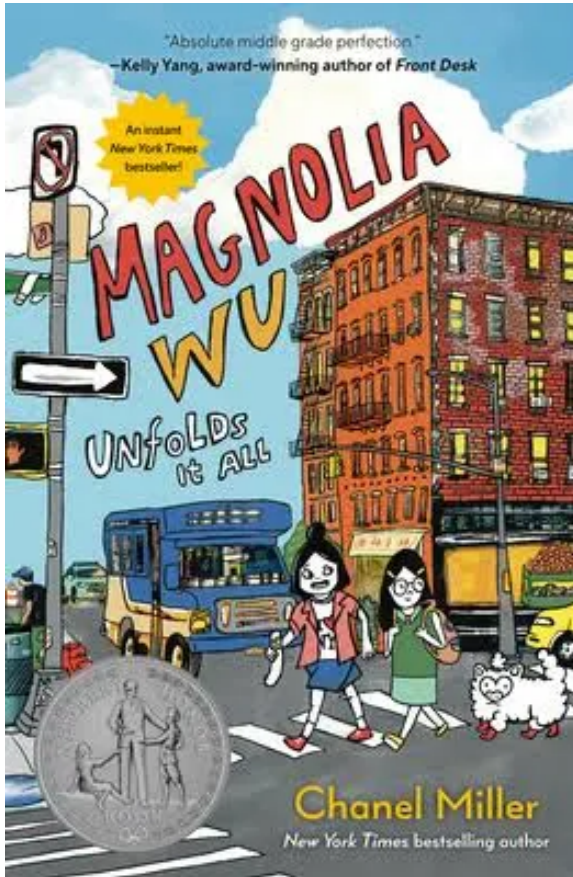


READ-ALoud GUIDE

BEST FOR AGES 7 - 11

MAGNOLIA WU UNFOLDS IT ALL

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SUMMARY

Magnolia and her new friend Iris search New York City for the owners of lost socks from her parents' laundromat, uncovering neighborhood stories, deepening their friendship, and discovering the hidden secrets in the lives of the people we know.

WHY WE CHOSE THIS BOOK

It celebrates friendship, curiosity, community, and creativity found in everyday things.

DEFINITIONS

Laundromat: a place to go wash clothing

Needless: unnecessary

Tainting: spoiling or ruining

Chrysalises: pods that become butterflies

Clattering: making lots of noise

Quivered: shook and trembled

Unraveled: with threads coming out

Swatting: moving back and forth

Pummeling: hitting, striking

Burpees: a jumping exercise

Demeanor: the way you act

Debris (duh-bree): garbage

Unfurled: straightened out

Shards: sharp little pieces

Lavish: glamorous and luxurious

Asymmetrical: uneven or odd

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE READING

1. What do you notice on the front cover?
2. What mystery might this book be about?
3. Have you ever returned something that belonged to someone else?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

1. What clues do Magnolia and Iris discover?
2. How is their friendship changing?
3. What do the socks reveal about the neighborhood?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AFTER READING

1. What did Magnolia learn about herself?
2. How did the mystery bring people together?
3. Which discovery surprised you most?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Design a colorful lost sock and imagine who it belongs to.
- Create a neighborhood map showing places Magnolia and Iris visit.
- Match pairs of socks by color, pattern, size, or shape.
- Write three clues that could help solve a lost-item mystery.
- Draw a picture showing Magnolia and Iris making a discovery.
- Interview a family member about a meaningful everyday object.
- Sort household objects into categories and explain each choice.
- Start a lost-and-found kindness project for your classroom or home.