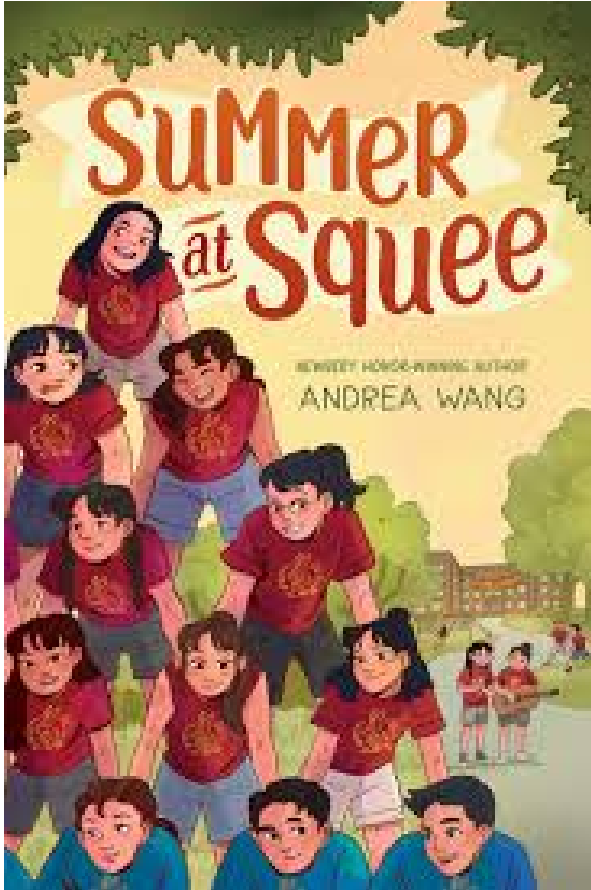


SUMMER AT SQUEE

Written Andrea Wang



SUMMARY

From Newbery Honor–winning author Andrea Wang, a new middle grade novel about a Chinese American tween who attends a Boston-based Chinese cultural overnight camp—and the many ways it transforms her.

WHY WE CHOSE THIS BOOK

Summer camp tale explores community, identity, and inclusivity.

VOCABULARY

Define these words together:

- **SCCWEE:** An acronym standing for Summertime Chinese Culture, Wellness, and Enrichment Experience—affectionately shortened to "Squee" by veteran campers
- **Inclusion:** The act of making all individuals feel welcome, valued, and respected
- **Cringe:** Slang for something embarrassing or awkward

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE READING

1. Look at the cover. What do you notice? What might this book be about?
2. What do you like to do over the summer?
3. Have you ever been to overnight or day camp?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

1. Have you ever had a friendship group or squad change unexpectedly?
2. Have you ever felt between two cultures or had to code-switch?
3. How do Phee and her pals react to the internet trolls targeting Squee?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AFTER READING

1. Which character do you relate to the most, and why?
2. How do the experiences of long-time campers differ from the new campers, particularly the adoptees?

ACTIVITIES

- Camp craft or sewing project
- Plan with a friend a perfect “camp” day or sleepover.
- Find your local community resource center. Hint: the library is a great place to start.
- Take a look at one of the resources from the author’s note.

