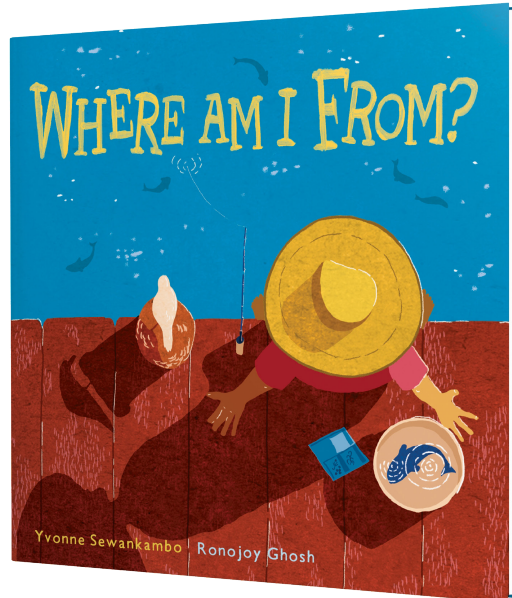


DISCUSSION GUIDE

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ABOUT THE BOOK



WHERE AM I FROM?
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*Where are you from, my little one?
That's quite a big question, you see, because
you're more than here and you're more than there.*

**A joyful, colourful celebration of our global
community and how interconnected we all are.**

How do we answer the question 'Where am I from?'
If anyone knows, it's Mum, who shares that you come
from lots of different places - some where cheese
is treated like a local hero, others with vibrant and
colourful temples - and that *who* you are is a beautiful
blend of where you're from, where you've been,
and all the places you'll go.

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DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. What does "home" mean to you?

Is home a place, people, a feeling, or something else? What makes you feel safe and loved? What special things does your family do together?
(Foods, celebrations, songs, etc.)

2. Have you ever visited another place?

What did you see there? What were the similarities and differences?

3. Why do you think the book says we are "more than here and more than there"?

Think about memories, relatives, traditions, and experiences.

4. What colours, sounds, or foods remind you of your family or culture?

Invite sensory descriptions and storytelling.

5. How can we learn about other people's cultures kindly and respectfully?

Discuss listening, asking questions, and celebrating differences.

ACTIVITIES:

1. "About Me" Collage

Materials needed: paper, scissors, glue, printed pictures or magazine cut outs, crayons/markers, stickers. Create a collage showing: your family, favourite foods, places you know or have been, and objects/things that are important to you, etc.

2. "Where We've Been" Map Activity

Materials needed: paper map or globe, stickers or pins. Place stickers or pins on your map of places you have visited, places family members live, and places you want to go. Discuss different modes of transportation to get to these places (planes, boats, cars, walking).

3. "My Plate" Drawing Activity

Materials: paper or a paper plate, crayons, markers, coloured pencils. Draw foods on your plate that are special to you or your family. These could be a favourite food, a holiday or celebration food, a snack you love, etc. Discuss who makes the food, if you eat it during a special time (like a holiday or celebration), what it tastes like/ingredients and why it is special to you.