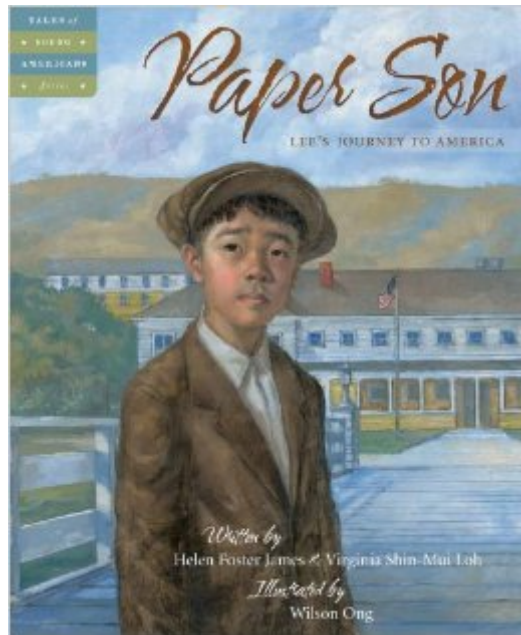


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Synopsis

In 1926, 12-year-old Fu Lee lives with his grandparents in a small village in China. He lives with his grandparents because his parents are dead. It is a difficult life but made easier by the love Lee shares with his grandparents. But now Lee must leave all that he knows. Before his parents died, they spent all of their money buying a "paper son slot" for Lee to go to America. Being a "paper son" means pretending to be the son of a family already in America. If he goes, he will have the chance for a better life. But first he must pass the test at Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco. Only then will he be allowed to live with his new family. If Lee makes even a single mistake, he could be sent back to China. Lee knows his grandparents want a better life for him. He can't let them down.

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Customer Reviews

Fantastic novel written by my professor here in San Diego. Beautifully written story about Angel Island. I am a teacher and it is the perfect book to accompany any 4th grade curriculum related to California. We even skyped with the author after reading it!

I'd never heard of a paper son until I read this book. Young Lee's story taught me how the idea worked, but more important I actually felt the pressure this young boy was under to please his family & hopefully make them proud. As a former librarian I used to look for books like this to create my lessons. Now I share stories like this with my nephew...the only way another young boy can learn about the variety of immigrant journeys here. The authors bring out many other talking points, such as facing fear, cultural differences and trust. "Trust no one" he was told repeatedly, yet his grandmother had stitched into his cap "Trust your heart." And on the last page there's the Angel Island history lesson, the Ellis Island of the West for those entering from the Pacific. Lee's journey to America is a lesson to us all about the challenges immigrants face. Young Lee came at another time, but all immigrants are nervous about their new life in America, yet believe that a better life will be here.

Ordering a second copy as we lent the first one and never got it back. I could not believe the then four and five year old would understand or embrace this story but I was wrong. Now five and six they ask for it to be read again and again so I'm now purchasing for them.

This is a thought provoking, beautiful story of a 12-year-old boy coming to America through Angel Island. The authors help the reader appreciate the conflict of leaving home to come to a strange country through the difficult (and not well known) paper son program. Highly recommended for readers, young & old!

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