

**Read Brave Kids 2021 - Sharing Our Stories: Rising Together for a Better Saint Paul**

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**Book Discussion Questions\***

1. Mia and her family are treated differently because they are immigrants. What do they experience? What does Mia think about this?
1. Mia writes a lot of letters. Why does she write each letter? What does she accomplish with each letter?
2. Mia and Lupe discuss how people are mean to them because they are both "brown." Give examples of the way skin color affects Mia's and Lupe's experiences.
3. Mia and Jason did not get along when they first met. How did Mia's relationship with Jason change through the book? When have you changed the way you thought about someone, and what caused you to think differently?
4. Mia's dad says, "A mistake isn't always a mistake... Sometimes a mistake is actually an opportunity." What mistakes did Mia make that became opportunities? When have mistakes become opportunities in your life?
5. Culture influences things like our rules, what we eat, and what we wear. Mia participates in both Chinese and American culture. How are Chinese and American culture the same? How are they different?

\*These questions are adapted from a discussion guide created by Dr. Sarah Park Dahlen for Scholastic. Dr. Dahlen is an Associate Professor in the MLIS Program at St. Catherine University. Her research is on Asian American youth literature and transracial Korean adoption. She co-created the Diversity in Children's Books infographics and administered Lee & Low's 2015 Diversity Baseline Survey. She co-edits Research on Diversity in Youth Literature and co-edited Diversity in Youth Literature. Find her online at [sarahpark.com](http://sarahpark.com) and on Twitter @readingspark.