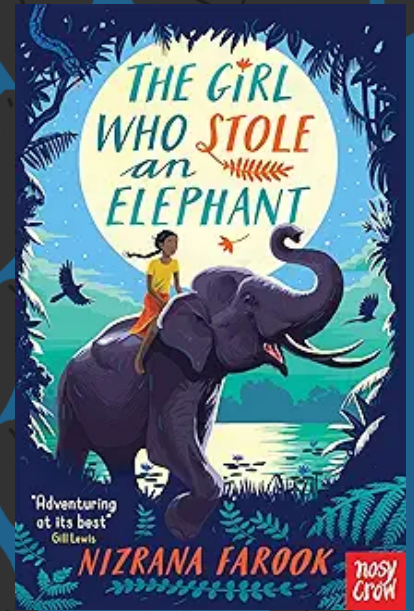


CHAYA IS A YOUNG GIRL WHO STEALS FROM THE RICH TO HELP HER VILLAGE. WHEN SHE DECIDES TO BREAK INTO THE PALACE TO STEEL THE QUEEN'S JEWELS, SHE ENDS UP ON THE RUN WITH HER TWO FRIENDS TO ESCAPE THE KING'S GUARDS AND CERTAIN DEATH.



THIS TERM'S TEXT

THE BOOK IS SET IN A RURAL VILLAGE IN SRI LANKA CALLED NIRISSA. AS READERS, WE EXPERIENCE BOTH POVERTY AND WEALTH THROUGH THE PLACES THAT CHAYA VISITS. MUCH OF THE BOOK IS SET IN THE DEPTHS OF THE JUNGLE.

VOCABULARY

feast - large celebratory meal
veena - traditional Sri Lankan stringed instrument
royal - being a King or Queen or member of their family
jambu - type of apple which looks like a rose flower
promenade - paved, public path next to a river/sea
scuffle - short fight or struggle
cobble - small round stones which make a path
thatched - straw covering for a roof
merchant - person who trades goods to different countries
intricate - very detailed
sapphire - precious stone which is usually blue
compartment - a section or part of something
persuade - to try to make someone believe something
enemies - people who are actively opposed to something
carved - cut or engraved to make an object
workshop - a room or building where things are made
crochery - plates, dishes, cups etc.
courtyard - an area enclosed by walls that doesn't have a roof

THE BIG QUESTIONS

IS IT EVER OK TO COMMIT A CRIME?

WHAT COULD BE MEANT BY 'THE GREATER GOOD'?

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