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Their Great Gift: Courage, Sacrifice, And Hope In A New Land (Nonfiction - Grades PreK-4)



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Synopsis

With lyrical text and thought-provoking photography, *Their Great Gift* explores the experiences of immigrants in the twenty-first century, focusing on the lives of children. Images of families who came to the United States from many different parts of the world celebrate the diversity of our country and contain a vision of hope for the future.

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Customer Reviews

A mother held her two little girls close, thoughtfully bowing her head in prayer. Perhaps they remembered very well where they came from, but wondered what the future held for them. Two Hispanic men lovingly hold up photographs of their families, families that yet have to arrive in America. How long would it be until they see them again? Yet another family gathers around their table for a traditional Chinese meal. An American flag is tucked behind the wall telephone. They came from faraway lands in search of a better life, a life that wouldnâ™t be easy at first. Smiles and determination light up faces of those who step on our shores. âœTheir journey was long and difficult / and when they arrived, / they didnâ™t know the language / or how to do certain things.â • There would be hard work ahead, but it would be worth it. A woman pores over a test book,

plugging those answers into a notebook. Ah, that tongue sticking out makes it that much easier! Some people are cruel and have little patience for those who make mistakes. âœOthers didnâ™t understand how much theyâ™d sacrificed.â• There was much work to be done.No one shies away from hard work, even those jobs no one seems to want. âœThey worked long, hard hours at difficult jobs. / They got up early, stayed late / and took the extra shift.â• So many people needed to send money to those left behind, perhaps so they too could one day come to America. So much to learn, so much to do ... the language is different, the culture so alien, but they were going to make it. Do you know someone who came from another faraway land? Have you welcomed them to our shores?This is a poignant, photographic look at a very diverse group of people arriving in America.

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