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Bee-bim Bop!

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Park, Linda Sue. *Bee-bim Bop!* Illustrated by Ho Baek Lee. Clarion, 2005. ISBN 0618265112.
\$15.00. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Sarah Wanlass

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Contemporary realistic poetry;

Subject: Cookery, Korean--Juvenile fiction; Koreans--Juvenile fiction; Stories in rhyme; Books--Reviews;

Newberry Award winner Park collaborates with illustrator Lee for this yummy selection. *Bee-bim Bop!* is a delightful introduction into a Korean family's mealtime. Watercolor and pencil illustrations accompany the rhyming narrative. The story follows a little girl and her mother as they shop for, prepare, and finally eat bee-bim bop, a traditional Korean dish. The little girl excitedly follows her mother as they traverse the supermarket looking for the ingredients. At home, she does her best to help as she watches Mama prepare dinner. Full of anticipation, she sets the table and helps gather her Papa, grandmother, and baby brother for a family dinner. One thing is certain--this little girl loves her bee-bim bop!

Because the reader will be hungry after reading the story, Park thoughtfully includes a bee-bim bop recipe at the end, with simple directions for child and grown-up. Making the dish together like the family in the story is an excellent follow-up to the reading.