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The Blue Stone: A Journey Through Life

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Liao, Jimmy. English text adapted by Sarah L. Thompson. *The Blue Stone: A Journey through Life*. Illustrated by Jimmy Liao. Little, Brown. 2008. ISBN 9780316113830. \$19.99. 88 p.

Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway

Reading level: Intermediate; Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Picture books

Subject: Rocks--Juvenile fiction; Homesickness--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

A beautiful blue stone lies peacefully in a forest until people come and take half of it away. Carved into various forms over the years, the stone remembers and longs for its home. The stone endures each change providing beauty for others until it is discarded, lost, or damaged, and finally returns to the forest as dust on the wind to lie beside its other half. Both text and illustrations are hauntingly beautiful and metaphoric.

A good choice for older creative writing and ESL students.

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