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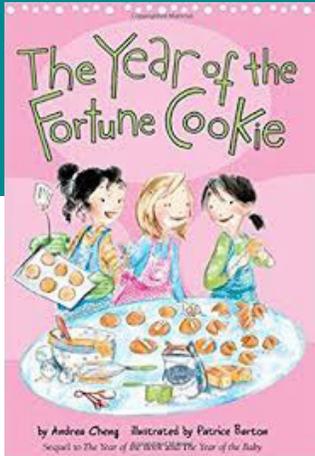
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Book Review

The Year of the Fortune Cookie

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

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151

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Anna Wang is an adolescent trying to find her place in the world. She is Chinese on her mother's side, but she was born and raised in the United States. Her baby sister was adopted from China. Anna goes on a trip to China to visit the orphanage her sister came from. This trip helps Anna accept her culture and feel good about being different. When she is in China, she is able to go back to her roots and be proud of who she is. Anna is able to see life from a different perspective, and it helps her to be happy with the life she has.

This is a fantastic book for adolescents figuring out who they are. They can easily relate to the main character, especially those who come from different ethnic backgrounds. It is realistic enough that most kids coming of age have surely had very similar experiences. The main family of the book is a close-knit family, which is not how the main character feels in the beginning. She feels like they are crazy, but in the end she misses her family a lot while in China and appreciates them even more because of her trip.