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Book Review

Cilla Lee-Jenkins #3: The Epic Story

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Primary, Intermediate

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272

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Publisher

Roaring Brook Press

Cilla Lee-Jenkins has already written a bestseller and a classic. Now she is back to pen an epic, full of the challenges she is facing in her fifth grade year. She is not ready to face middle school, and struggles to know what to do after her grandfather Ye Ye has a stroke. Bravely, and with help from family, friends, and even her foes, Cilla tackles quests, survives adventures, and discovers an epic end to her story.

Cilla's epic story is the third book in this semi-autobiographical series by Susan Tan. It is written entirely from fifth-grade-Cilla's point of view, making it very approachable for children of similar ages. Strokes and anxiety are among the complex subjects that are broached with warmth and humor. The book's back matter includes photos of people from Susan Tan's life that served as inspiration for the story, making it even easier for readers to relate to the book's characters.