

Book Adoption for: SEARCH OF THE MOON KING'S DAUGHTER

Title- Search of the Moon King's Daughter

Author-Linda Holeman

Genre- Historical Fiction, during the Industrial Revolution

Main Characters: Emmaline and Tommy Roke **Setting:** England, 1830's Victorian lifestyle

Pages- 307

AR Points- 12

Reading Level- 5.5

Awards: Best Books for Young Adults: 2003 (ages 12-18), McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award:2003, YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Finalist, National Book Critics Circle Award, Mr. Christie Book Award silver Seal:

- Recipient of the Canadian Children's Book Centre's Starred "Our Choice" Award
- Nominated for the Pacific Northwest Library Association's Young Readers Choice Award for 2005.
- Nominated for the Beehive Awards 2004-2005 through the Children's Literature Association of Utah.
- Selected as a title for the 2004 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults
- Nominee - 2003 - 2004 White Pine Award
- Selected for inclusion in the Calgary Teens' Top 10 Books list by the Calgary Public Library
- Honour Book for the Canadian Library Association's 2003 Young Adult Canadian Book Award
- Nominee - Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction
- Selected as a title for The International White Ravens 2003
- Nominated for the Ruth Schwartz Children's Book Award
- Selected to be included on the New York Public Library's Books for the Teen Age 2003
- Nominee - Snow Willow Award, Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Award, 2003
- Nominated for the Michael J. Printz Award for Literary Excellence in Young Adult Literature

- Nominated for American Library Association's **Best Book for Young Adults 2003**
- The Children's Book Panel on CBC's **Sounds Like Canada** picked *Search of the Moon King's Daughter* for their 2002 Christmas book list.

Summary- After her father dies and her mother is injured in a mill accident, Emmaline's brother is sold into service as a chimney sweep in 19th century England and she must go to London to try and bring him home. Her mother had sold Tommy to a master sweep -- not, as she tried to tell Emmaline, for the boy's sake. It had been a way to have money for the drug -- that took her away from everything -- the pain in her hand, the noise of the mill, the smell of the street, and the poverty of her own spirit. And because of this need, Tommy would be a climbing boy, condemned to spend the next five years of his life forced into the narrow flues in the high houses of London, sweeping and dusting the soot from the chimneys. The life expectancy of a chimney sweep is five years. Emmaline knows that she is in a race against time to save her little brother, and so she gathers what little she has together and heads off on the four day journey in the back of a wagon to London. She hangs on tightly to a scrap of paper that simply states "Master Sweep Hillis of Steeplemount Way" -- her only connection to Tommy now. She's convinced that she will locate him within a day or two of arriving in London, but days turn into weeks, then months and Emmaline begins to wonder if she can find him before it's too late -- before Tommy falls off a roof, is stuck permanently in a chimney, or suffers any number of other horrid fates that can happen to the small boys who become chimney sweeps in Queen Victoria's London.

Themes- There are many universal ideas that could be covered in this book such as:

-Abandonment, -Desperation, -Poverty, -Determination, -Family loyalty, -Survival, -Trust

Rationale- This novel is rich in historical detail: the poverty and desperation of families who can't afford to keep their children, the charities who try to help, the lack of schooling for the poor, the dreadful conditions of the factories, even the killer fog in London.

I have used this book as a read aloud in past years. It is also a book that I have recommended to students. Students enjoyed it as a read aloud or when recommended.

There is one part in the book when one of the characters is pregnant and tries to abort the child but it is a minor part and we do not focus on this portion.

This is a book that lends itself to the teaching of 8th grade learning targets. The content is interesting and piques student interest. Students can easily relate to many of the themes so making connections, evaluating text, drawing conclusions, making inferences are easily addressed. This book is great for examining cause and effect as well.