



Picture Books

**A Gift**

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It's Chinese New Year, and although Amy has never met any of her relatives in China, she knows her mother is feeling homesick. Then a package arrives with a letter from Amy's uncle. He describes how he was plowing his field one day and found a beautiful stone. "It was smooth and shiny, like the stones we found near the river when we were children," he writes to Amy's mother. The uncle takes the stone to a man in town who says there is something special hidden inside; a dragon. This is a lovely story about families and cultures staying in touch. Wonderful for lower elementary grades.