



Book Talk

Books We Love This Month



The Fire Horse Girl

By Kay Honeyman

In 1923 in China, Jade Moon is a 15-year-old girl born under the sign of the Fire Horse. This makes her argumentative, independent and headstrong, and her father despairs of ever getting her married off. Who would want a girl like this? When Sterling Promise offers to get her on a boat to San Francisco to start a new life her father jumps at the chance, and they set sail together. Men and women are segregated on the journey (which takes months), and it becomes clear to Jade Moon that the fate waiting for her in San Francisco is not one she would choose for herself. Luckily, she is a fearless Fire Horse girl!

Ages 12 & up

“I loved this book because of the strong, ingenious nature of Jade Moon, and because of what I learned about the hardships Chinese people, especially women, faced when emigrating in the hope of a new life.” — Janet

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