

A Message from the Angi Ma Wong, author of WHO ATE MY SOCKS?

Dear Parents and Educators,

Thank you for owning or reading *Who Ate My Socks?* You're probably a busy person who is passionate about education, especially family literacy but found time to read to the children in your life. As a lifelong educator and author, I am committed to teaching critical reading, thinking and life skills to today's children and strove to do so in my book by using words, expressions and images to enrich their vocabularies and stimulate their creativity. It was gratifying and rewarding to imagine a 4 or 5-year-old including new words such as *ravenous*, *cavernous*, *argyle*, *missing in action*, *contented*, *menace*, etc. in his/her speech and know they learned them from *Who Ate My Socks?* and better yet, teaching them to their friends.

□ When I was teaching middle school and later, English as a Second Language, I introduced a game called Treasure Hunt to my students. It was a list of provocative questions and observations which challenged them linguistically and visually, heightening their awareness of their senses. My own Chinese parents and heritage taught me a love for learning and self-development that is in the symbolism I infused into illustrating *Who Ate My Socks?* After I first heard the expression "teaching moments" from Dore Wong, a figurative light bulb went on in my head during bumper-to-bumper traffic en route to teach a class at UC, San Diego, and the ideas began flowing about the many ways you could use *Who Ate My Socks?* as a teaching tool. Whether you are a parent, educator or just someone who has lost lots of socks, please accept these **Teaching Moments (Pre-School to Adult) for Parents and Educators** as my personal thanks for being an influential presence and reader to the children in your lives. I can relate to your busy days and have endeavored to give you back time.

□ Your (and your children's) e-mails, letters, suggestions, discoveries, research, ideas of activities or how you have used the book for enrichment are welcome and will be shared as I continue to expand the **Teaching Moments** list online, accessible at www.pacificheritagebooks.com after the book's release, to benefit all. Do let me know how I can further help you, from appearing in your classroom, library or meeting to read, share the process of how an idea evolves into finished book, or present at your next conference or special event.

My best wishes and appreciation goes to every one of you. Have fun, enjoy every moment with your young people, and keep up the great work as well as your sense of humor...we're all in this together!

-Angi Ma Wong, author

"I love it...there are so many teaching moments that teachers will want to reach this over and over...I would only reveal two stanzas a day to build the tension...great for reading to age 4 and 5, then read-alone for age 6 and up...kindergarten teachers will enjoy reading this to their classes and dramatizing the story."-Dore Wong, Principal, (Ret.) Castelar School, Los Angeles

Learning is a treasure that no one can steal. - Chinese proverb

