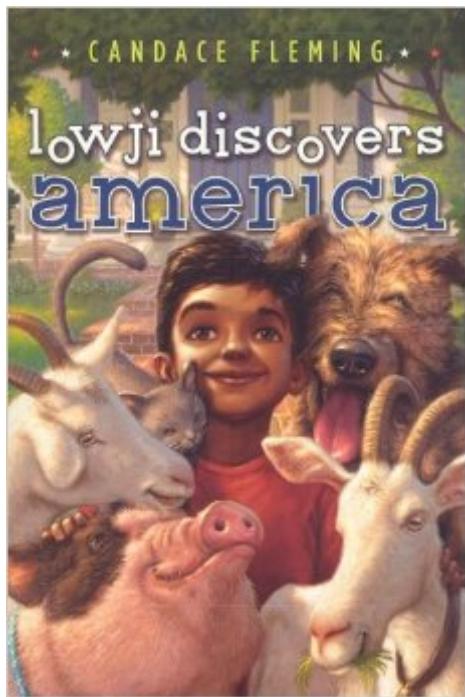


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Lowji Discovers America



Synopsis

Dear Jamshed, American is not so different from what we thought. I told you I wouldn't see a single cowboy riding across the plain, and I haven't. I have not even seen a plain. Still there are some silver linings. They are: 1. Trapper and King, the cat and dog who live in the apartment building. They are cuddly and waggy. I am not allowed to play with them, though, because they are supposed to catch mice and keep burglars away. 2. Ironman. He owns a pig and talks to me a lot. But he is a grown-up. 3. Kids. I can hear them playing outside. Too bad they do not want to play with me. I wish you were here. Do you wish I was in India? Write back soon. Your friend, Lowji

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Customer Reviews

LOWJI DISCOVERS AMERICA is a fun book with a great message. It's also one of 2008's Children's Sequoyah Masterlist reads. Author Candace Fleming tells Lowji's story in a great first-person voice that will doubtless have young readers rolling in the aisles as the hero tries to figure out how things are done in his new country, and tries to figure out a way to get a pet. The author captures a lot of the accent Lowji would have in his speech after so recently coming from Bombay, India, and she gives him great parents. Ma is very strict and loving, but Bape seems to have an incurable love of puns that is just painful to read. My son loved them!! I loved how Lowji had

a notion of what America would be like after living in crowded Bombay all his life, then was heartened and disappointed at the same time. He thought things would be vastly different, but they really aren't at first. The disappointment over not getting to have a pet quickly shifts gears to Lowji trying to figure out a way to get one anyhow. The author's digs at the common backdrop of American culture, especially in the giant store ALL-MART, was terrific. There are a lot of episodes that continually build Lowji's story. I felt his sadness when the bird, Tippy, deserted him for the other kids in the store. But I was laughing aloud with my son when the pig, Blossom, nearly has a heat stroke and Lowji saves her by bringing her into the store. This is exactly the kind of thing my kid would do, and it just proves that kids speak the same language more than adults do. I also loved how Lowji constantly talked Landlady Crisp into getting animals to do her work for her. The cat is brought in to handle the mice. The dog is brought in to handle security.

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