

Red Scarf Girl

Ji-Li Jiang

Characters:

Chairman Mao- Leader of China. Started the Cultural Revolution, leader of China from 1949 to 1976.

Ji-Li Jiang- Excellent student, very flexible, is criticized because her grandfather was a landlord. Main character, 12 years old, (author of the story).

Principle Long- Principle of Xin Er Primary School.

An Yi- Ji-Li's best friend.

Wang Qi- A girl in class two at Ji-Li's school.

You Xiao-Fan- A boy in class four at Ji-Li's school.

Comrade Li- From the Central Liberation Army Arts Academy, came to Xin Er Primary School to pick children to audition for her dance studio.

Little White- The Jiang family cat.

Ji-Yong- Ji-Li's little brother, 11 years old, AKA Iron Bull.

Teacher Gu- An Yi and Ji-Li's homeroom teacher.

Ji-Li's Father- Xi-rong Jiang, stage actor, played villains in plays, humorous, kind, wise, about six feet tall, and slightly stoop shouldered.

Ji-Li's Mother- Used to be an actress, now works in a sports-equipment store.

Ji-Li's Grandmother- Graduated a modern style high school in 1914, helped to found Xin Er Primary School and became the vice-principle, retired when Ji-Li was born.

Ji-Yun- Ji-Li's younger sister, 10 years old, had two dimples.

Song Po-po- Housekeeper for the Jiang's, had to be let go during the cultural revolution, lived in a small room downstairs for as long as Ji-Li can remember.

You-mei- Ji-Li's cousin.

Hua-hua- You-mei's baby daughter.

Uncle Zhu, Uncle Tian, Aunt Wu, Uncle Fan, Uncle Bao- Actors in Ji-Li's father's stage group.

Grandpa Hong- Owned the book stall that Ji-Li used to go to.

Yin Lan-lan- Ji-Li's classmate.

Du Hai- Ji-Li's classmate.

Questions:

- what is a da-zi-bao? A form of propaganda, used to humiliate people during the cultural revolution.
- what did the color black mean in this book? Opposed to the Communist party.
- what did the color red mean in this book? The symbolic color of Communism.
- what are the Four Olds? old ideas, old culture, old customs, and old habits.

- what is the most important family holiday in China? The Chinese New Year.
- what was China's ruling political party? The Communist Party
- what were the five black categories? Landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, criminals, and rightists.
- when was Ji-Li born? On Chinese New Year.
- what does Ji-Li mean? Lucky and beautiful.
- what was a red scarf the emblem of? The Young Pioneers.
- what year did the Cultural Revolution start? 1966.
- How old was Ji-Li? 12 years old.
- what grade was she in? 6th grade.
- what did the slogan under Chairman Mao's picture say? Study Hard And Advance Every Day.
- who did Principle Long choose from Ji-Li's music classroom to follow the Liberation Army Soldier? Tong Chao and Ji-Li.
- what two tests did Ji-Li have to do for the Liberation Army Soldier? Lift her leg over her head and do a backbend.
- why doesn't Ji-Li's father let her audition to be a Liberation Army Soldier? Her grandfather was a landlord.
- what health problem did An Yi have? Asthma.
- what is the revolutionary style hair cut? To cut it short.
- what Junior High School does Ji-Li want to attend? Shi-Yi.
- what Junior High School did Ji-Li attend? Xin-zha Junior High School.
- what Class is Ji-Li in in her new school? Class four.
- what class is An-Yi in? Class six.
- who is Ji-Li's Homeroom teacher in Junior High? Zhang Xin.
- what is the name of Ji-Li's deskmate in Junior High? Chang Hong.
- what disease does Ji-Li's mother have? Meniere's
- what happened to Ji-Li's father? He was locked up.

In What Book...

- Does a man have six fingers?
- was a girl's father locked up?
- was a girl humiliated because her grandfather was a landlord?
- were graduation exams canceled?
- Did a girl hide a letter in her cats litter box?
- was a girl born on the Chinese New Year?
- Did a man get his shoes cut up because they were "Four olds"?