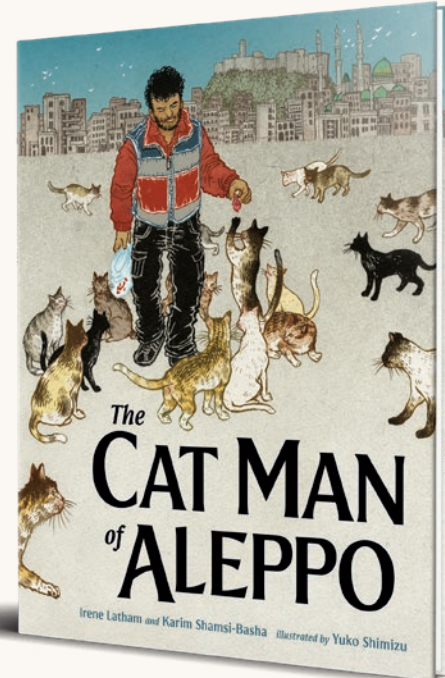


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Questions for Grades 1–3

(See other side for grades 4 and up!)

- What about Aleppo is special to Alaa?
- What makes a community special?
- Why would people leave Aleppo?
- How did hearing this story make you feel?
- Why did Alaa help the cats?
- By helping the cats, what else did Alaa do?
- What could you do to make the world a better place?

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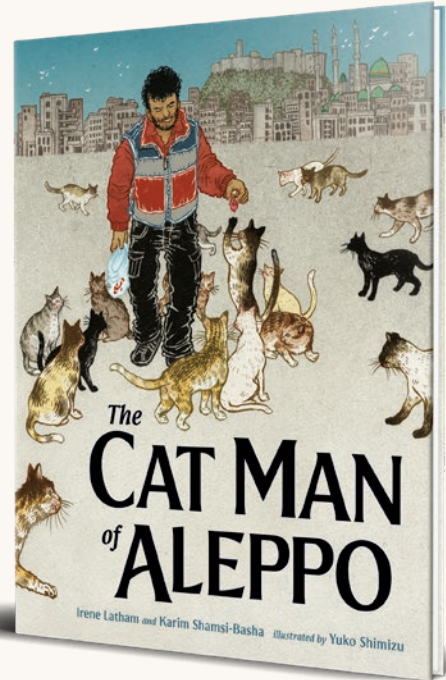
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Questions for Grades 4 & Up

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- What did you think about Aleppo before reading?
- Did your view of Aleppo change after reading?
- What makes a community special?
- Why do you think people from all over the world donated to the sanctuary?
- What do you think happened to Alaa's family?
- What lessons can we take away from Alaa's actions?
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Supplemental suggestions for older texts: Alan Gratz's *Refugee*, N. H. Senzai's *Escape from Aleppo*, and Atia Abawi's *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*

