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Parachute Kids

by Betty C. Tang

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

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What's It About?

A DREAM TRIP TO AMERICA TURNS INTO A NIGHTMARE!

Feng-Li can't wait to discover America with her family! But after an action-packed vacation, her parents deliver shocking news: They are returning to Taiwan and leaving Feng-Li and her older siblings in California on their own. Suddenly, the three kids must fend for themselves in a strange new world--and get along. Starting a new school, learning a new language, and trying to make new friends while managing a household is hard enough, but Bro and Sis's constant bickering makes everything worse. Thankfully, there are some hilarious moments to balance the stress and loneliness. But as tensions escalate--and all three kids get tangled in a web of bad choices--can Feng-Li keep her family together?

This funny, fast-paced, and heartrending story about three siblings living on their own as undocumented new immigrants is perfect for fans of New Kid and Front Desk.

****National Book Award Longlist Title**
****Asian/Pacific American Award Honor Book**

Who Wrote It?

From Betty's Author Website: I spent my childhood nights secretly reading mangas under the covers with a flashlight, much to my mother's dismay. It did no favor to my eyes, but my love for drawing ignited. After graduating from CalArts with a BFA, I worked for various Hollywood animation studios including Disney TV and Dreamworks Animation. Then adventurously, I moved to Beijing, China for a couple of years, and co-directed *Where's the Dragon?*, an animated feature. Now I'm 100% devoted to creating meaningful books for children. I'm also a NY Times Bestselling Illustrator of the graphic novel, *JACKY HA-HA*, written by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein and adapted by Adam Rau. I love squirrels and hate roaches. I am also a 4th degree black



belt in Aikido--a Japanese martial art--but the roaches aren't impressed. Born in Taiwan, I arrived in America as a parachute kid. Currently, I live in Los Angeles, CA.

AR Reading Level: N/A

Lexile Level: 250L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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