

Standing in the Shoes of Another

Stories are the way we bring understanding to each other about perspectives we cannot see. After reading Jing Jing Tsong's middle grade graphic novel, *FAKE CHINESE SOUNDS*, I reached out to interview her about this book. Jing Jing helped me stand in the shoes of the character in her story and think about the ways we make fun of "others". Othering is dangerous behavior and Jing Jing captures through story, much of what goes unnoticed and unremarked upon. She has written a significant story for kids and adults. I'd like to see this book become a community read, a fifth grade required read, and a school-wide middle grade read. My interview with Jing Jing is below.



Song: Shawn Mendes- Mercy A significant word for our times.



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