Ichiro and the Great Mountain

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Subjects: Literary Folktale, Religion and Spirituality, Multicultural Interest

Short Description: An original literary folktale that follows a young, free-spirited boy through the stages of life.

Long Description: Told in brief, repetitive episodes, Ichiro and the Great Mountain follows a young, free-spirited boy through the stages of life as he searches for his true self, making this original literary folktale a story of becoming or, in the Buddhist tradition, a story of self-realization and enlightenment. Presented as an illustrated chapter book for the middle grade reader and beyond. Available in hardcover, paperback, and audiobook.

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Reviews:

Ichiro and the Great Mountain will provide important life lessons and insights for all ages and be enjoyed time and again…. W. Nikola-Lisa's tale is timeless, ubiquitous, and transcendent. Book Review Directory

The black-and-white illustrations use shapes with patterns, forms, and earthy hues to embody the protagonist’s growth that occurs within. Both text and art complement each other perfectly. This swiftly moving yet contemplative read is great for the upper elementary/middle school student and beyond. A stunner. Prairies Book Review

Ichiro and the Great Mountain is a thought-provoking book with a deeper message in between the lines. If you are the type of person who enjoys deceptively simple books, books that really encourage you to think, I would definitely recommend this one! Reader Views Reviews

About the Author

A long-time resident of Chicago, W. Nikola-Lisa is the author of over thirty books, including the award-winning Bein’ With You This Way, the ever-popular Shake Dem Halloween Bones, the autobiographical middle-grade novel Shark Man, and, for older readers, The Men Who Made the Yankees, an early history of the American League’s New York franchise.