

A SPOONFUL OF TIME

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Target Reader:

8-12 year old readers who enjoy magical realism and light scifi novels

Korean and other immigrant parents and readers who are looking for books that reflect their cultural experiences

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An unforgettable middle grade novel where time travel, family recipes, and family secrets collide.



"It's pathingsu weather. Maya almost didn't he

Maya almost didn't hear her grandmether wer the whit of the fan and the rumbling source of Gimen, the old and lazy pag dog squished by her side. Dropping her journal, she rolled over, slowly pulling the backs of her arms and lags off the thin harrheo sticks of the nat undirectable her, and statched as her grandmether shuffled past her into the kitchen, a dusty box in her arms.

"Did you say something, Halmunee?" she asked, crossing her fingers slightly guiltily and hoping the answer was no. It was too hot to even think about moving. After these days of blazing Authority and an AC Was held for the fire and the state of the out of the garage and into the living room. The mat was supposed to keep a person cool, but it could only do so much, it idnn't help that no matter where she lay, Gizmo scooted up as close as possible to her with his warm fur pressed against her like a hot-water bottle.

With a soft grunt, Halmuner heaved the box onto the counter and burned to shout back at Maya. "I said, it's publingsu weather." Relieved that Halmunee didn't seem to need anything, Maya

Generica up in the cracks of her multi-rk husy work schedule meant Mays was accustomed to entertaining hereful and living in a quiet work! The thoughts and unansweed quotetons that when scared through her mind found their hones in the form of sort springly her mind found their hones in the form of sort springly carried the smally carried the smally carried and withher As soon as he fifted up at the regard in one, the placemap is in the bookshelf in a row hidden behind her ordinary books, the As had started doing this two years ago on her inth britching when Mon had given her a Nice journal with Mays's most chold castled early the boutton or one-

Her mom was often tired and distracted in the evenings and on seekends, and some days she could go for several hours withnot uttering a single soined. For a slong as she could remember, it had been just Naya and her mom in their still and silent house. But, then, Halmunce had arrived. And Halmunce didn't live her has same raise.

When Maya craved attention or someone to talk to, she loved having Halmunee there. But during moments like this, when Maya wanted to move and talk as little as possible, a tiny part

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 FOR MIDDLE GRADE FANS OF TAE KELLER AND REBECCA STEAD: Middle grade readers of magical realism and contemporary fiction will love time-traveling with Maya.

Key Selling Points

- A COMPELLING FAMILY STORY WITH A MAGICAL TWIST: Maya's connection with her grandmother, magical home-cooked meals, and buried family secrets make for a heartwarming page-turner.
- THEMES OF IMMIGRATION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE: Similar thematically to the memoir Crying in H Mart, Maya's multi-generational Korean immigrant family explores the link between food, memory, and cultural heritage.
- RECIPES YOU'LL WANT TO
 MAKE (AND EAT): A Spoonful
 of Time includes 5
 mouthwatering Korean
 recipes in section openers that
 readers will be inspired to try
 making! These recipes will be
 lightly illustrated (eight interior
 spots) by Jenny Park.

When You Reach Me meets Love Sugar Magic in this unforgettable middle grade novel where time travel, family recipes, and family secrets collide.

About the Book:

Maya's grandmother, Halmunee, may be losing her memory, but there's something almost magical about the way she cooks. Whether Halmunee serves salty miyeokguk or sweet songpyeon, her stories about Korea come to life for Maya.



Then one day, something extraordinary happens: a single delicious bite of pathingsu transports Maya and Halmunee back into one of Halmunee's memories. Suddenly they're in Seoul, and Halmunee is young.

This is just the first of many secrets Maya will uncover: that she and her grandmother can time-travel, and they aren't the only ones with this ability. As Maya eats her way through the past, her questions multiply—until a shocking discovery transforms everything she thought she knew about family, friendship, loss, and time itself.

Brimming with heart and interspersed with seven family recipes that readers can make themselves, this is a story to savor by rising Korean American author Flora Ahn.

About the Authors:

Flora Ahn is an attorney by day and an author and illustrator by night. Her work includes a children's chapter book series, *Pug Pals* (Scholastic) and an Audible Original, *The Golden Orchard*, named one of Audible's best kids' titles of the year. Raised in California by her Korean immigrant parents, Ahn lives in Virginia with her two pugs and practices law in DC.

