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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 3-6-Christina Moore brings the character of Shirley Temple Wong to life as she narrates this tale of emigration. This recording of Bette Bao Lord's semi-autobiographical novel (Farrar, 1984) is excellent. The year is 1947, and Shirley and her mother sail from China to America to join her father who is an engineer in Brooklyn. The beginning chapters set in China will seem as foreign to American listeners as the classroom at P.S. 8 did to Shirley. America seems a world of wonder to Shirley, but makes her feel afraid, stupid and clumsy. Then Shirley discovers baseball. Playing right field, she no longer feels small and stupid. Shirley becomes a big fan of Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Baseball, America's pastime, helps Shirley to make friends and to be accepted in a strange and foreign land. There are many interesting and strong female characters, and people of many different ethnicities are portrayed. Moore does an excellent job of portraying Shirley, and changes her voice to give each character a distinct sound. The narration is well-paced and aural quality is good. This recording brings new life to an old favorite.

Stephanie G. Miller, Boulder City Library, NV

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“Poignant but outrageously humorous.” (School Library Journal)

“Lord writes with a warm authenticity and sparkling humor.” (ALA Booklist)

From the Back Cover

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