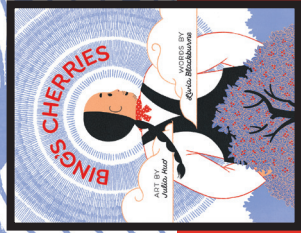




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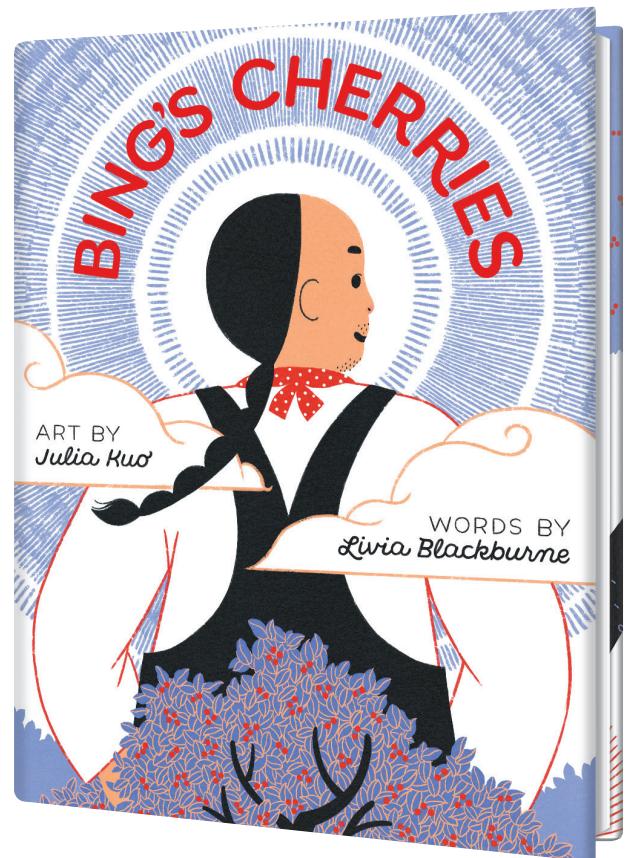
## About the Book

A modern American tall tale woven by a girl and her father about Ah Bing, the Chinese immigrant behind the Pacific Northwest's most delicious cherries.

Long ago, Ah Bing was a father who traveled across the sea from China looking for work. In Oregon, he met a man who hired him to work in his orchards, where, eventually, Bing cultivated the delicious cherries we know today.

*But what was it that made this man and his cherries so special?* a young girl wonders as she sits with her father, enjoying cherries from their backyard. Weaving cultural memory, historical facts, and her imagination, the girl envisions a narrative of Ah Bing that is larger than life and as sweet as his namesake.

With touching text and lush illustrations, Livia Blackburne and Julia Kuo forge an unforgettable Chinese American folktale that has largely been untold.



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## Before Reading:

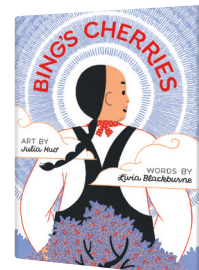
- 🍒 Have you ever heard of Bing cherries? What do you think makes them special?
- 🍒 What do you know about tall tales and can you think of any examples?
- 🍒 Why do you think people tell stories about their ancestors and cultural history?

## While Reading:

- 🍒 How did Ah Bing come to America and what was his journey like?
- 🍒 What kind of work did Ah Bing do in Oregon?
- 🍒 How does the young girl imagine Ah Bing's story? What details does she add to make it fun and interesting?

## After Reading:

- 🍒 What did you learn about Ah Bing and Bing cherries from the story?
- 🍒 Why do you think the young girl and her father enjoy telling stories about Ah Bing?



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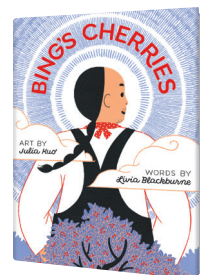






# Illustrating Ah Bing's Story

Draw your favorite part of Ah Bing's story in the space below. It could be the cherries or a scene where Ah Bing is working in the orchard. Use bright colors and lots of details to make your pictures fun and lively. As you draw, think about why cherries are special and how stories like Ah Bing's help us learn about different cultures.



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