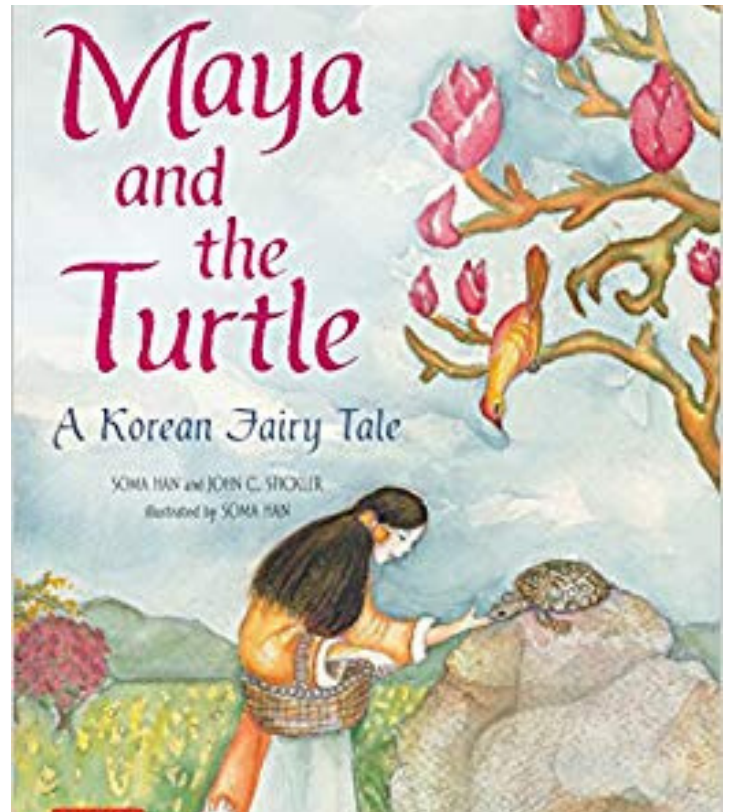




MAYA AND THE TURTLE

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A Korean Fairy Tale, *Maya and the Turtle* tells the story of a young girl named Maya who is raised by a kind, loving single father. When she finds a motherless turtle, she sees herself in it. She takes the turtle in and always makes sure it is well fed and taken care of. When Maya sacrifices herself to a monster in order to get her father the medicine he needs, what will the turtle do to help her?



Questions:

1. Why does the picture show Maya and her father under a rain cloud? How do they feel?
2. Why does she take care of the turtle? How does that show empathy?
3. Why does Maya sacrifice herself? How does saving her father show empathy? How does saving the villagers show empathy?
4. How does Maya feel when she goes into the woods? What are some other times someone might feel that way?
5. Why does the turtle sacrifice himself for Maya? How is that the same as what she did for her father?
6. Maya took care of the turtle, feeding him and helping him grow. Did she do this so that he would save her, or because she cared about him and had empathy?