

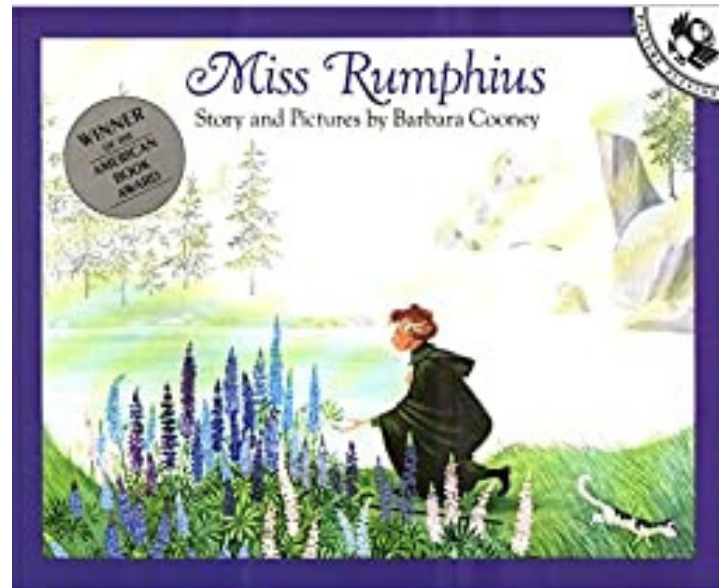


MISS RUMPHIUS

BARBARA COONEY

SUMMARY

Miss Rumphius has been known by many names over the years. She has tried her best to fulfill the three goals she and her grandfather shared: to live by the sea, go to faraway places, and make the world more beautiful. Soon she's completed two of her goals. Will she ever find a way to complete the third?



Questions:

1. How do you think her grandfather felt moving to America? Could you ever move to another country? Would it be easy or hard to do?
2. How do you think Alice felt doing art and painting with her grandfather in his shop? Do you like to do art? Do you ever help out your parents or grandparents?
3. How do you think Alice felt about the goals she made with her grandfather? Are those things you would like to do, too?
4. What was the first goal Miss Rumphius achieved? How do you think she felt, traveling to so many different places? Do you think traveling is a good way to learn about people?
5. What was the second goal Miss Rumphius achieved? Is living by the sea the best way to live? Do different people like different things? How do you think Miss Rumphius feels in her new home?
6. How do you think Miss Rumphius feels when she can't think of a way to make the world more beautiful? Do you think she's worried she'll never find a way?
7. Have you ever been so sick you were stuck in bed? How did it feel? Was being sick the worse part, or being stuck in bed the worse part?
8. How do you think Miss Rumphius felt when she saw the flowers out her window?
9. How do you think she felt when she got better and saw the lupine on the hill? What do you think her idea is?
10. How do you think Miss Rumphius feels when she's throwing the seeds all over town? How do you think she feels when people call her "That Crazy Old Lady"? Is that a nice thing to call someone? What could they call her instead if they don't know her name?
11. How do you think Miss Rumphius felt when she saw all the flowers? How did the other people in town feel? Did she plant them for herself, or for the whole world?