

Teachers Notes

“Saffron” series

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Synopsis:

Saffron travels the world with her family. Although she is ‘rather good at packing’ and ‘quite excellent with tourist guides’, she always seems to get into tricky situations.

In this book she dodges traffic in Buenos Aires, eats escargot in France and gets lost in the chaos of a Mass Transit Railway station in Hong kong.

Questions

- 1- Why is Saffron so upset about having to give a presentation about Bangkok?
- 2- Why do Saffron and Sage end up lost in Hong Kong?
- 3- “...Mum says it’s a custom here and it means affection..” What is mum referring to?

Activities

- 1-Write about the strangest food you have ever eaten. Describe the experience.
- 2- Locate the following cities/town in the world map:
Hong Kong in China, Buenos Aires in Argentina, Bonieux in France
- 3-Connect the following foods with the appropriate country:

escargot – yum cha- medialunas

France – Argentina – China

“Saffron, I have everything under control”

Synopsis

Mum is having a baby, Sage is asking a million questions and Saffron’s eccentric and peculiar aunties have just arrived from Argentina. But that’s ok because Saffron has everything under control...

If tuk tuks and collapsing cathedrals don’t cause enough mayhem, Saffron must also cope with the arrival of a new family member.

Questions

- 1- Who are the *Tias*?
- 2- Where do they come from?
- 3- Why is it so important for them and for Mum to come over for Star Anise’s birth?

Activities

- 1- Describe what is happening in this scene. (Ill. A)
Write about how you would feel if you were in Saffron’s situation.
- 2- Describe what is happening in this scene. (Ill. B) How would you feel if you were in Saffron’s situation.

“Saffron, so quite excellent”

Synopsis

When her baby sister, Star Anise, has a sleep problem and Mum can't keep up, saffron knows exactly what to do, and that's help. But although her ideas for helping are so quite excellent they don't go exactly to plan.

In this book, saffron dances flamenco in Madrid, promenades in Saint Tropez, discovers her calling as a famous choreographer...and helps Mum...sometimes.

Questions

1-Why does Saffron set three different alarm clocks to wake her up throughout the night?

2-What happens when Saffron decides to join in with the Flamenco dancers?

3-What is so particular about the beach in St. Tropez?

Activities

1-Write about how you could help you Mum or dad at home.

2-Colour in this scene (Ill C) and describe how you think Sage is feeling.

3- Design your own ballerina costume. Think about silhouette, colour and texture.

ILL.A



ILL.B



ILL.C

