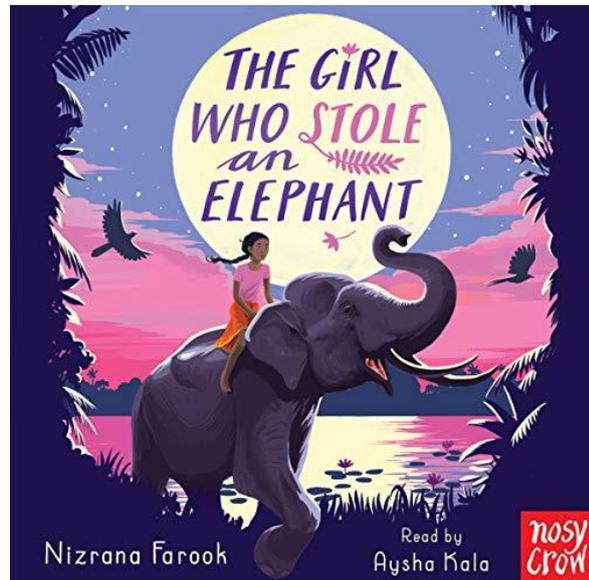


The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook

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This is the debut (very first) book from author Nizrana Farook and has been on my 'to-read' list for quite some time. Set in Sri Lanka in South Asia, the story has three young protagonists. A modern-day Robin Hood story; Chaya steals from the rich to help the poor. However, one such endeavour sparks a chain of events that Chaya can't seem to get under control.

The author's use of description throughout the book is very effective; transporting the reader into a wonderland that you cannot help but fall in love with and be enchanted by. It certainly sparked my curiosity to find out more about the Sri Lankan culture.



In his blog, [A Word About Books](#), Matthew Wilson had this to say:

'The moral dilemmas in this book really challenge the reader and there are many occasions where you question the actions of the three main protagonists. Are they criminals, heroes or victims of an oppressive regime? The read promotes discussion and asks us to question our own morals and beliefs. Can we ever justify doing the wrong thing for the right reasons? ...In the story, friendships are put to the ultimate test and it encourages the reader to reflect on how many people are really your friends? ...Developing the theme of friendship further, Farook has also woven into the narrative valuable lessons on the importance of being kind and learning to accept others.'

Read it:

- if you like stories with plot twists
- if you like stories set in other cultures
- if you like stories with strong female protagonists
- if you like stories about friendship or moral dilemmas

If you like this, read:

- The Boy Who Met a Whale by Nizrana Farook
- The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell
- Asha & the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan