

## **Suri's Wall**

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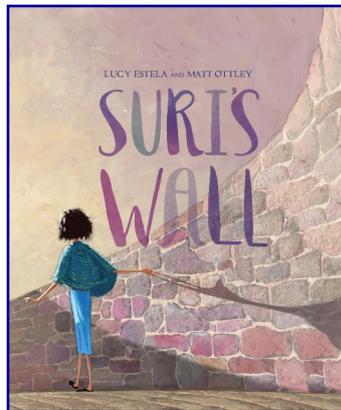
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**Picture Book of  
the Month**

Eva squeezed Suri's hand. 'What's there? What can you see?' 'What can I see?' Suri looked out over the wall. 'Oh, it's beautiful, let me tell you all about it.' A moving tale of the power of the human spirit brought alive by Lucy Estela and award-winning illustrator Matt Ottley.



### **Themes:**

- Hope
- Detention
- Dreaming of a better life

### **Discussion Points:**

- Where is this story set?
- Why do you think the children are all alone?
- Why is the wall Suri's only friend? Why do you think there is a guard there?
- Have you ever felt all alone like Suri did? How did it make you feel to see her so sad?
- Why were all the other children afraid of Suri?
- Were their feelings towards her justified?
- How did Suri's height end up helping her and give hope to others?
- Suri cried when she got as tall as the wall. Why do you think she felt so emotional?
- What did Suri see when she looked over the wall? Was it real? Explain.
- Why did Suri choose to tell the children the things she did?
- The other children's attitudes to Suri changed during the story. How and why did this happen?
- What made Suri's 'heart sing'? Describe what you think 'heart singing' means?

### **Activities:**

- Imagine being isolated behind a wall like Suri and the other children. Draw your own ultimate world, outside of the wall.
- 'Oh, it's beautiful, let me tell you all about it.' Continue the story.