

# **Eyes That Kiss in the Corner**

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**Synopsis:** A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from some of her peers, who have round eyes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Start of school or Jan/Feb near lunar new year.

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- Point out the similes and metaphors in the story and have students write one of each about themselves. *My Best Friend Is as Sharp as A Pencil* has many examples for students.
- Have students write about what they love about themselves.
- [Activity sheets](#) by Harper Collins (color a butterfly, draw a self-portrait, flower matching cards, fill in a family tree). This is available on the WCCPBA site.
- Compare this book with other books that have different family structures/circumstances.

### **Related Websites:**

- Joanna Ho's website: <https://www.joannahowrites.com/>
- Joanna Ho reading the book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFz0wktGr2k&t=12s>
- Joanna Ho's [twitter feed](#) Twitter Handle: @JoannaHoWrites
- Teachingbooks.net [Video book trailer](#):  
<https://www.teachingbooks.net/booktrailer.cgi?a=1&id=7971>

**Text to Text Connections:** *Hair Love, My Name is a Song, Proudest Blue, Laxmi's Mooch, I Am Enough*

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