

Singing with Elephants: A Journey of Discovery and Acceptance

In the lush jungles of India, where elephants roam and the air is thick with the scent of exotic flowers, a young girl named Kamala embarks on a journey of self-discovery that will change her life forever.

Kamala's family has always been different. Her father is a respected doctor, but her mother is a free-spirited artist who longs for a life beyond the confines of their small village. Kamala herself is a gifted singer, but she has always been afraid to let her voice be heard.



Singing with Elephants by Margarita Engle

★★★★☆ 4.8 out of 5

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One day, Kamala meets an old woman who tells her about the elephants that live in the nearby forest. The elephants, she says, are wise and powerful creatures who can teach Kamala about her own strength and potential. Intrigued, Kamala sets out to find the elephants and learn from them.

As Kamala spends more time with the elephants, she begins to understand the importance of embracing her own unique gifts. She learns to be brave, to follow her dreams, and to love herself for who she is. With the help of the elephants, Kamala finds her voice and uses it to speak out for what she believes in.

Singing with Elephants is a lyrical and immersive novel that tells a powerful story about the importance of self-acceptance and the power of dreams. Margarita Engle's writing is beautiful and evocative, and she creates a world that is both magical and real. Kamala is a relatable and inspiring character, and her journey is one that will stay with readers long after they finish the book.

About the Author

Margarita Engle is an award-winning poet, novelist, and children's book author. She was born in Cuba and raised in the United States. Engle's work often explores themes of immigration, identity, and the environment. She has won numerous awards for her writing, including the Newbery Medal, the Pura Belpré Award, and the National Book Award.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the challenges that Kamala faces in her journey? How does she overcome them?
2. What is the significance of the elephants in the novel? What do they represent?
3. How does Kamala's relationship with her family change over the course of the novel?

4. What is the message that *Singing with Elephants* conveys about the importance of self-acceptance?
5. What are some of your favorite passages from the novel? Why?

Further Reading

- Margarita Engle's website
- *Singing with Elephants* on Our Book Library
- Kirkus Reviews review of *Singing with Elephants*
- Publishers Weekly review of *Singing with Elephants*



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