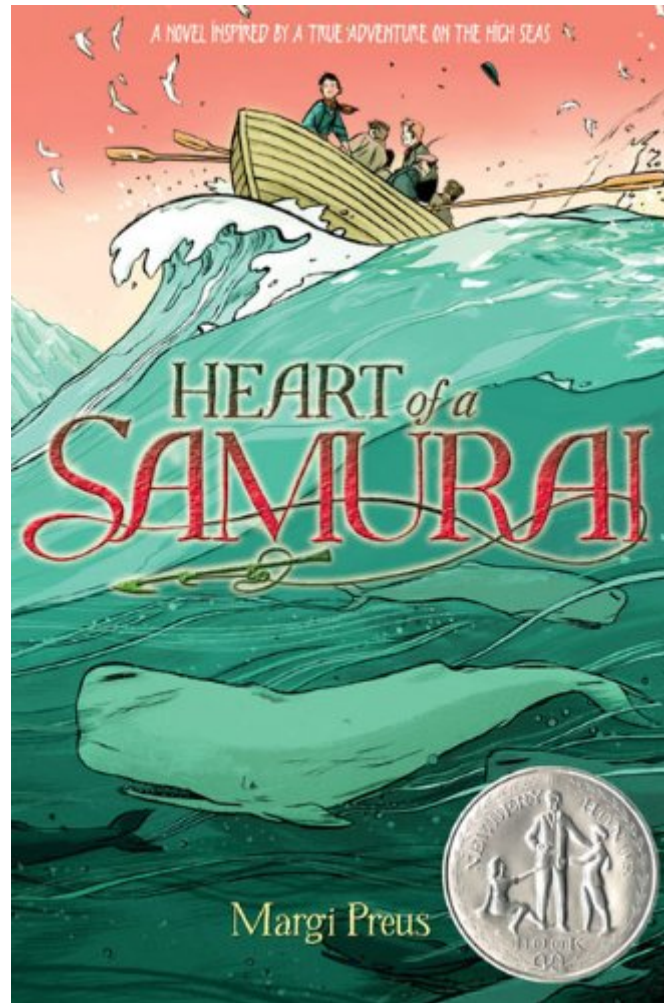




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Synopsis

In 1841, a Japanese fishing vessel sinks. Its crew is forced to swim to a small, unknown island, where they are rescued by a passing American ship. Japan's borders remain closed to all Western nations, so the crew sets off to America, learning English on the way. Manjiro, a fourteen-year-old boy, is curious and eager to learn everything he can about this new culture. Eventually the captain adopts Manjiro and takes him to his home in New England. The boy lives for some time in New England, and then heads to San Francisco to pan for gold. After many years, he makes it back to Japan, only to be imprisoned as an outsider. With his hard-won knowledge of the West, Manjiro is in a unique position to persuade the shogun to ease open the boundaries around Japan; he may even achieve his unlikely dream of becoming a samurai.

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After their fishing boat goes astray due to a storm at sea, Japanese native Manjiro longs for home, but knows he can never return. Set in the year of 1841, during which Japan closed its borders to

foreigners and those who have left it's shores. When Manjiro and his coordinates are finally rescued by an American whaling ship it opens his eyes to a world hidden to him by the Japanese government. Set over a decade, spent in America, Japan and in Margi Preus expresses the feelings of curiosity and eventual world changing decision making, as he pursues his dream of becoming a samurai despite his background. It deals with the topics of race and hereditary status, family and pursuing your dreams in Margi Preus's brilliant debut novel Heart of a Samurai.

Very interesting, well researched, gave an intriguing description of survival and life on the high seas when whaling ships roamed the Pacific Ocean. Based on a true story of the lives of four Japanese teenagers, who eventually made an impact on US and Japan relations. Excellent reading for children and adults alike.

While the book is a fictional account of a true story, it opens your eyes to a history not well known. I had no idea that Japan's ports had been closed to the outside world for over 250 years. I had assumed that Japan had always been technologically advanced. This book will give the reader the desire to read more about Japan and her fisherman samurai. This is a must read! A great book club choice. It will open the group's knowledge. Our hostess served sushi and bean cakes.

I read this along with my 6th grader. It was a slow start but once into it, it is actually a pretty intriguing book. After about the 4th chapter, the reading was much easier and my daughter wanted to know what happened next.

A great narrative based on the true story of a Japanese country bumpkin that circumstance whisks away to America. He becomes the first Japanese person on American soil, undergoes Westernization through whaling, North Eastern schooling and eventually the gold rush! Does he ever return home? Read to find out.

A good novel type book about Manjiro Nakahama,

available in English, at a lower cost than the limited edition book, " Drifting Toward the Southeast: the story of five Japanese castaways.

This is a wonderful story of a young Japanese boy, Manjiro, who goes fishing to earn money for his family and ends up lost on an island and eventually rescued by a whaling ship which was out of Massachusetts. I loved the positive attitude of this boy, I loved that the story was based on a true story & I loved the illustrations which were actually drawn by Manjiro. I used this book for my book club in September and everyone loved this book.

Very enjoyable

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