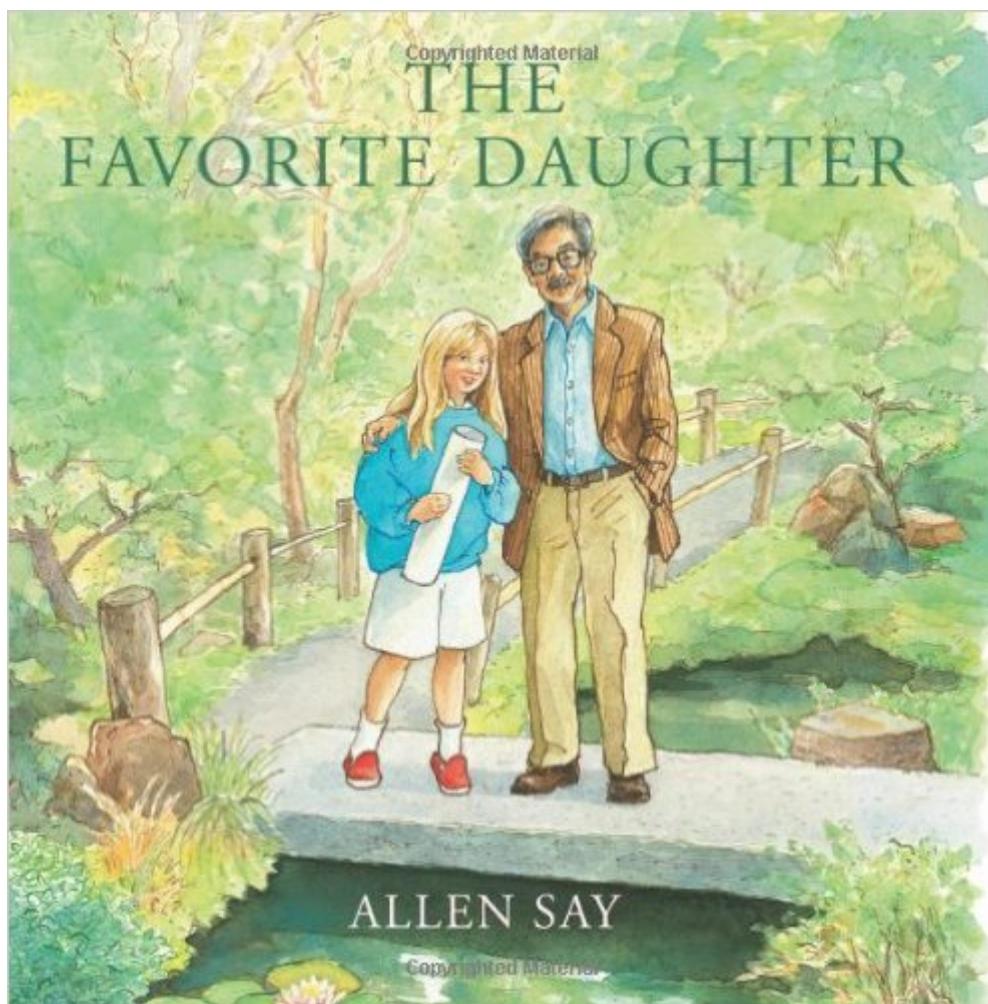


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# The Favorite Daughter



## **Synopsis**

A father helps his daughter find pride and inspiration in this masterful picture book. Yuriko hates her name when the children make fun of it and call her "Eureka!" Though she is half Japanese, the teasing makes her want to hide, to retreat even from the art projects she used to love. Fortunately she has a patient, kind father who finds gentle ways of drawing her out and reminding Yuriko of the traditions they share that have always brought her joy: walks in lovely Golden Gate Park, lunch at their favorite sushi restaurant, watching the fog blow in off the bay. It's enough... it's more than enough to face down her challenges with confidence. From the incomparable Allen Say comes another moving story taken from his personal experience and translated to the universal. This tale, dedicated with love to Say's daughter, is one for all parents who want their children to feel pride in their heritage, and to know their own greatest sources of strength and inspiration. **THE FAVORITE DAUGHTER** will be a favorite for years to come.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

"The Favorite Daughter" is such a poignant and beautiful story that will tug at readers' heartstrings. The book is dedicated to the author-illustrator's daughter Yuriko and centers on an event during

Yuriko's childhood. One a visit to her father's home, Yuriko asks if her father has any pictures of her as a child and takes one to school. Unfortunately, things do not go well as Yuriko returns home upset because the children at school had teased her about her golden hair and her kimono (which they pronounce 'kimona'). As a child of mixed parentage, Yuriko feels 'different' and begins to resent her name when a teacher at school mispronounces and causes Yuriko more pain. Yuriko tells her father she wants a more American name like "Michelle". The rest of the story sees how Yuriko sorts things out and comes to appreciate her uniqueness, with lots of help from dad of course. Beautifully illustrated, this story of a father's love for his daughter and how he helps her find her way is inspiring and uplifting, and is perfect for sharing between fathers and daughters.

I am surprised that there are so few reviews for any book by Allen Say, let alone this beautiful tale of a father's wisdom and love riding out his interracial daughter's confusion about her identity and her art. The text is sparing, letting the reader see between the lines as Mariko finds her way with her father's support and astute questioning as well as her own spirit and creativity. Yes, this is nominally told from a dad's point of view, but children will understand the Mariko's questioning as well as the love that is so clearly present between the two. I would recommend this to older children, probably 8 and up, and their parents, who will love it as well. The illustrations are lovely, both of the people and the scenery of San Francisco. A very satisfying book.

this text is even stronger than some of his other books as he applies meaningful, personal insights into the upbringing of his daughter. I enjoy all of his books and this one struck a true chord as being a wonderful, universal feeling of working hard to do the best thing for your daughter. I always look forward to more illustrations and text from Allen Say

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Beautiful watercolor art bring this sweet story to life. Yuriko is embarrassed when her art teacher calls her "Eureka," and the kids begin teasing her. To make matters worse, she took in a picture of herself wearing a kimona. The students tease her for being a blonde and for wearing the kimona. "They said Japanese dolls have black hair," she laments to her father. Yuriko wants to change her name to something more American. She tells her dad she wishes she were named Jennifer and she swears she hates art. Her father takes her to their favorite restaurant to talk things over. After a visit to Golden Gate Park and the Japanese Gardens, Yuriko knows what she wants to create for her art project. The father/daughter relationship is poignant and powerful. Say uses two photographs of Yuriko--one as

a child and one from a trip they took to Japan--incorporating the real life photos of Yoriko with the watercolor art is genius. This picture book is a beautiful example of family values, generational values, the importance of one family's culture, the idea of "fitting in" in society and how each person values his/her own identity. Highly, highly recommended grade pre-K-3. The Favorite Daughter is sure to be another award winner for Allen Say and is a must have for any collection. FTC Required Disclaimer: I received the F & G from the publisher. I did not receive monetary compensation for this review. This review has been posted in compliance with the FTC requirements set forth in the Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising (available at [ftc.gov/os/2009/10/091005revisedendorsementguides.pdf](http://ftc.gov/os/2009/10/091005revisedendorsementguides.pdf)) view all my reviews at "Young Adult Books--What We're Reading Now"

The Favorite Daughter By: Allen Say The Favorite Daughter by Allen Say is about a little girl named Yuriko and one day at school a girl called her Eureka and every one in her class laughed at her. Yuriko came home that day very sad the father said "What's wrong Yuriko?" • "Everyone at school was making fun of my name." • So that night Yuriko and her dad went to a sushi bar and her dad decided to have her skip school the next day to go to a park. So that morning Yuriko and her father drove to a Japanese park and walked around enjoying the beautiful flowers and buildings. After they were done walking around they went to a little shop where they saw a man painting. The man asked "what is your name little girl?" • "Yuriko" • she replied. "The child of the lily" • the man said. So the man drew a pink lily for Yukiro and Yukiro realized that her name is very special and she can't get mad over someone laughing at it. This was a very good book I really liked the drawings in this book but some of the words were hard to pronounce. I would recommend this book because you will learn don't let people's opinions bring you down. I would give this book a 8/10 rating. But overall this was a very good book!

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