

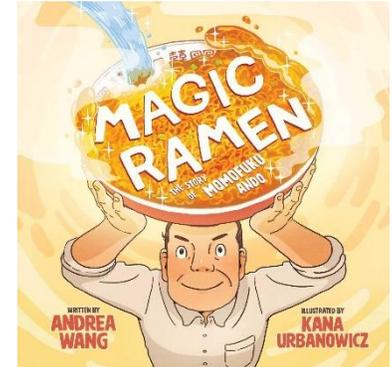


Kids Book Club Kit | Darien Library

Magic Ramen: the Story of Momofuku Ando by Andrea Wang

Recommended for grades K to 1

Summary: The story behind the creation of instant ramen, *Magic Ramen* follows Momofuku Ando's journey from idea to tasty soup.



Discussion Questions:

1. Did you think Momofuku Ando would be successful at creating ramen on his first attempt? Why or why not?
2. What is going through Momofuku Ando's head when he's experimenting on his noodles? Can you imagine how he felt after every failure?
3. Have you ever had to work at something for a long time before you got it just right? What was it? How did you feel while you were still learning and perfecting? How did you feel once you got it right?
4. What does Momofuku Ando mean when he says, "The world is peaceful only when everyone has enough to eat?" Do you think he's right? Why or why not?
5. Even after Momofuku Ando had created his instant ramen, he still kept improving it over the years. Why might it be important for companies to keep improving the products they create?
6. How would you describe Momofuku Ando? What are his personality traits? How do those personality traits impact the story?

Further Resources:

Magic Ramen Teacher's Guide: <https://dar.to/3zQxTbQ>

Activities

1. Brainstorm some needs you've noticed – something that already exists that could be improved, or maybe something entirely new to solve a problem no one else has solved yet. What is something that could solve that problem? What would you need in order to create that product?
2. Food time! Instant ramen comes in a *bunch* of different flavors; try some with your book group, or tonight with your family. Create a rating sheet and have everyone vote on their favorite flavors.