

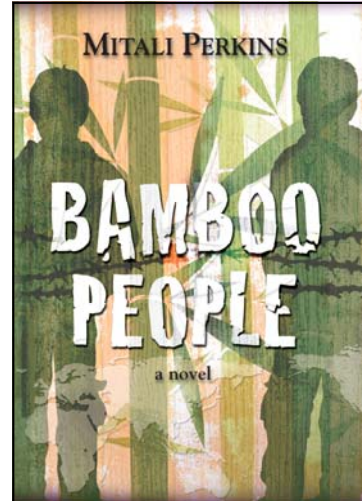


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BAMBOO PEOPLE

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A refugee and child soldier challenge the rules of war.

Chiko isn't a fighter by nature. He's a book-loving Burmese boy whose father, a doctor, is in prison for resisting the government. Tu Reh, on the other hand, wants to fight for freedom after watching Burmese soldiers destroy his Karenni family's home and bamboo fields. When Chiko is forced into the Burmese army and subsequently injured on a mission, the boys' lives intersect. Timidity becomes courage and anger becomes compassion as both boys discover that everything is not as it seems.

Mitali Perkins delivers a touching coming-of-age novel about hopes, dreams, and the choices that define who we are. Complete with extended material about Burma and its struggles, *Bamboo People* acts as not only an engaging story, but also as an important lesson about world governments and history. An intriguing, tension-filled read, this middle-grade novel is sure to captivate even the most reluctant readers.

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