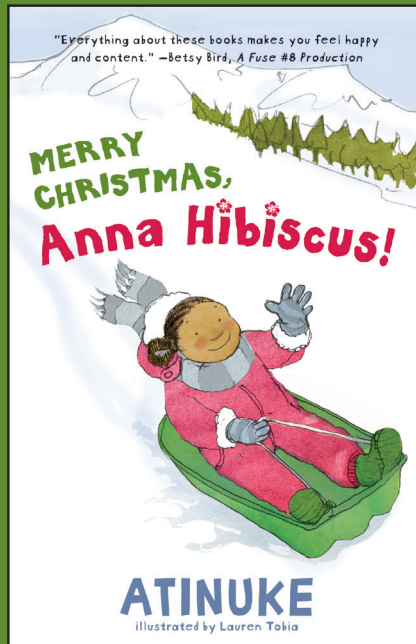


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## CANDLEWICK PRESS CHAPTER BOOK CHATTER

### Merry Christmas, Anna Hibiscus!

- What are the emotions Anna Hibiscus and her family feel as she prepares to go to Canada? If you were preparing for a trip, what feelings would you experience? Would they be similar to the ones of Anna Hibiscus and her family?
- When Anna Hibiscus is happy, she writes songs and sings. What do you do when you are happy? If you were to create a song like Anna Hibiscus does, what would your song be about?
- What are some differences and similarities Anna Hibiscus experiences between her home in Nigeria and her grandmother's home in Canada?
- When Anna Hibiscus falls on the ice, the other kids laugh, and a rude-looking boy says, "You can't skate because you are African" (page 64). Why was their treatment of Anna unfair? How did their treatment make Anna feel? What would you do if you saw this happening?
- Anna Hibiscus learns lots of lessons while she is in Canada. Which ones do you think are most important to her? Why?



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