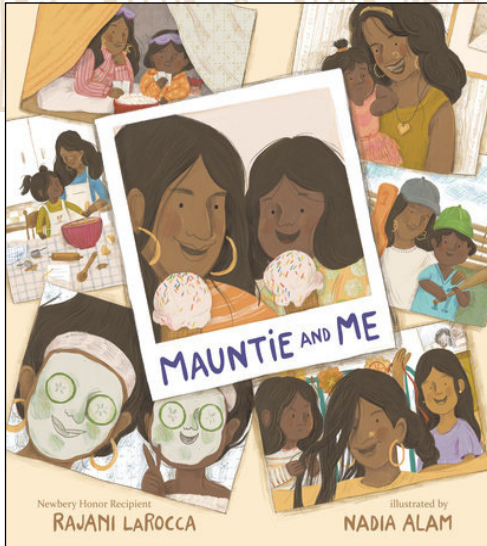


MAUNTIE AND ME

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What grows when you share it? A tender story of extended family, jealousy pangs, and above all, love, from the Newbery Honor-winning author Rajani LaRocca.

Use *Mauntie and Me* in your classroom to discuss growing families and how to handle feelings of jealousy.

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- Mauntie gives Priya and Aditi the riddle “What’s tall when it’s young and short when it’s old?” The answer is a candle. Ask your students to come up with their own riddle. Then have them share with one another and try to solve it!
- Discuss what it’s like to feel the emotion of jealousy. Ask students if they have ever felt jealous of a friend or relative.
- Priya learns that it is better to have her cousin Aditi live close by, even if she takes some of Mauntie’s attention. Ask students to write about a time when they experienced something similar. How did it make them feel?
- *Mauntie* is a combination of the words *my* and *auntie*. Ask students to think of other words that are a combination of two words. Make a list together as a class, or have students make their own individually and then share.

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