



VIVIAN AND THE LEGEND OF THE HOODOS

Living with a foot in two worlds

Vivian lives in two worlds—the world of the reservation where her grandmother wants her to honor all the traditions, and the outside world where she goes to school, has friends, and wants to try out for the basketball team. When Vivian is disrespectful to grandma’s traditions, her grandmother brings her to an ancient ruin and reminds Vivian of her people’s deep ties to the land and the need to respect the environment. Jennings wrote this book with the collaboration of the Shivwits Band of The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. Drawing from her experience as an immigrant, Jennings brings alive the awkward dance of living with a foot in two worlds. She also speaks to the Paiute Legend of the Hoodos, stone columns created by erosion which abound in Utah, but are particularly spectacular at Bryce National Park. It is a conservation legend spawned from the ancient Paiute way of life. Jennings finishes with a quick reminder of the destructive, yet artistic, power of erosion.(45 min.) (Grades K-6)

Family literacy night - Will work with your school to structure a presentation for parents and children.