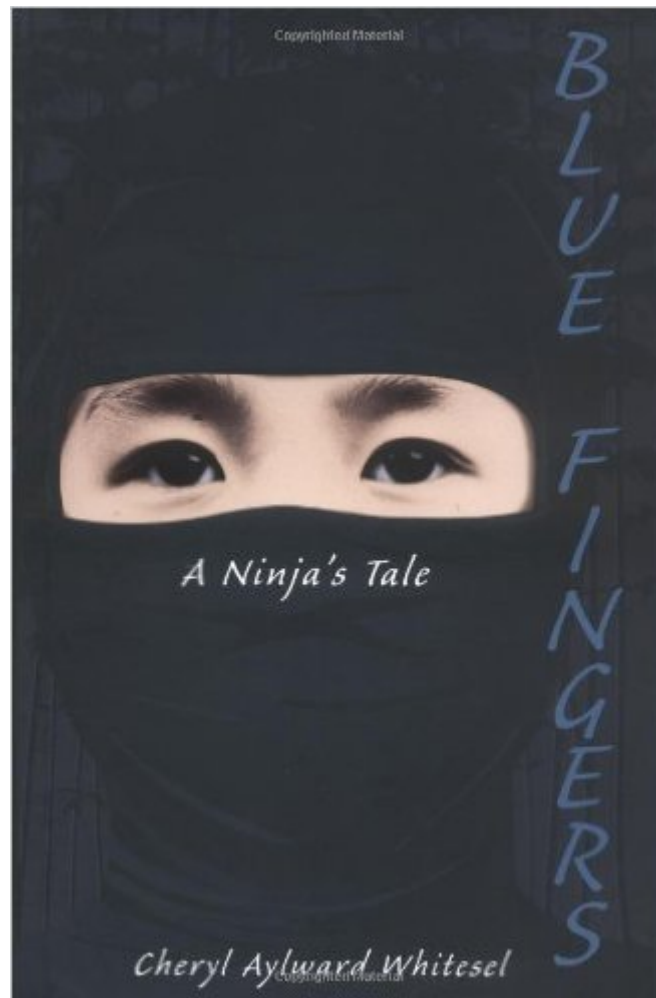


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# Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale



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The power and prowess of ninja never seem to lose their appeal to young readers, especially boys. *Blue Fingers*, a suspenseful, action-packed coming-of-age story set in feudal Japan, offers an up-close look at this noble, fierce way of life. Through an odd twist of fate, a stubborn twelve-year-old boy named Koji is kidnapped by a secret ninja clan and taken to its hidden camp high in the mountains. He wants desperately to return home, but that is forbidden. He must forget his old life and become a ninja-or die. In this carefully researched and well-crafted novel, Koji must learn to survive in the mysterious and dangerous world of the ninja and fulfill a destiny far different from any he could have imagined. Afterword.

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Fear. That was all Koji could feel as he searched endlessly, for a destination, he did not know. *Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale*, by Cheryl Whitesel, is a book of adventure and ninjas. It begins with Taro, Koji's twin brother, returns from the market in a terrible storm. As he is drying off, a mysterious man greets Taro and Koji's parents. He had not yet seen either of them, when he offered Taro a job as an apprentice, because he had saved the stranger's life, just a few minutes before. For an unknown reason, Koji was told to go in Taro's place. He left with the man, who was a dye maker, to his house. After a while, the man grew tired of Koji's homesickness and said he would be going home. Not wanting to disappoint his parents, Koji ran off without the dye maker. He went to his real house and crawled under it, to hear his parents and the dye maker talk. After hearing the discussion and meeting with Taro, Koji ran off into the bamboo grove, where the so called Tenju, or evil monsters dwell. Later that night, he was captured by what he thought was a Tenju. After walking for what

seemed forever, Koji met with Dark Fire, the number one Chonin of the ninjas. He discovered that he was captured by Spider, Dark Fire's grandson. To keep himself alive, Koji proved he was worthy of being a ninja, by doing reconnaissance on Lord Udo's castle. What I liked about this book, was the amount of details it contained. Nothing in this book is described without as much detail as possible. When on a mission the author thoroughly described everything, from the contents of the remedy used to keep the frogs behaving normally, to Koji's feelings in what he experienced while under water. I thought this added to the quality of the story tremendously.

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