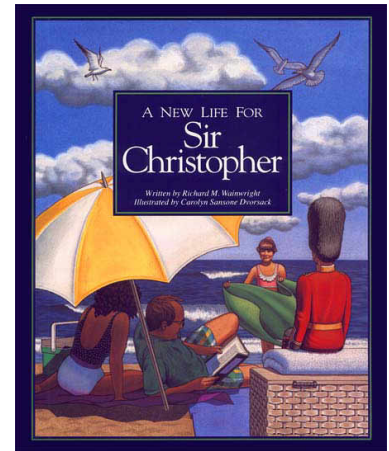


A New Life for Sir Christopher

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Synopsis

A New Life for Sir Christopher is a heartwarming story of a beautiful, wooden toy soldier and the effect he has on those around him. We first meet Sir Christopher as a block of wood in an Indonesian rain forest. The block of wood is purchased by a master wood-carver and doll-maker who fashions him into a beautiful Queen's Guardsman. He then travels through several families in different parts of the world bringing joy, comfort and sometimes courage to the children who love him. His progress, from a block of wood to a battered one-legged sea captain, involves a series of adventures that will delight and captivate children. The themes of hope, selflessness, true giving and courage can all be found in this book.

Discussion Questions

1. Sir Christopher was modeled after one of the Queen's guards. What qualities did the Queen's guard possess? Did Sir Christopher show some of those qualities too?
2. How did Stanislaus' daughters show how much they loved and believed in their father?
3. Find Indonesia on a map of the world then find England. Is it a long way from one country to the other?
4. During his travels, when did Sir Christopher show courage? Did he ever give up?
5. When we read about a character that displays courage in the face of obstacles, does it help us to act courageously?
6. Did you ever feel something was hopeless but you still tried and eventually succeeded?
7. Can you think of someone you admire and respect? Do you think that person can influence you to become a better person?
8. Describe the qualities that the legendary Captain Joshua Nickerson possessed and the experiences he had. How did learning about Captain Joshua's life help Matthew?
9. Name all the people who loved the doll in the story.

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