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# Book Reviews

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Jackson, E.S. (2018). *Home, James*. Emily Steele Jackson. 158 pp. \$7.99. ISBN 9781984262646

Emily Steele Jackson was born in the U.S. but has spent most of her adult life living and traveling abroad. While overseas, she began writing Small Town Laowai, a popular, humorous blog about the ups and downs of life in China. Emily is now adjusting to life back in the United States and lives in Tucson, Arizona with her husband, two kids, and their friendly Siberian husky. *Home, James* is her first novel for young readers.

*Home, James* is an engaging story of a 13-year-old's adjustment to a Middle School after living numerous years in China. The plot is relatable with a blend of humor and heart tugging moments. Learning new ways, making new friends, seeking to understand and be understood, it is amazing how unlearned we are when it comes to interpersonal relationships with those who are different from us.

Although the intended audience is third culture kids from 10 years on up, educators, who would glean a better understanding of the challenges international students face, would find this valuable as well. The story is compelling and begs for a sequel.

## **Reviewer**

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