**Book:** Digging to America

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**Level of Difficulty:** Difficult

**My thoughts about the book and its suitability for my group:**
This book is difficult with an above average vocabulary level. Although difficult, my students were able to handle it quite well. The subject matter of the book appealed to my group and as the story deals with the issues of immigrants adapting to American life, they could readily relate to the storyline.

**Students’ reaction to the book:**
The students LOVED this book. Half of my students are older women and therefore they could relate to the older character in this book. Many of the books that we have read have characters that are younger and so this was especially appealing to them.

They also liked our discussions on adapting to American culture and values, as well as how it feels to be an immigrant in this country.

**Tips for other tutors who may want to use this book:**
This book does not have a strong plot. It is mainly the everyday “happenings” in the lives of two groups of family that are connected through the adoptions of babies from Korea. The book sparks good discussions on adapting to American life and values; especially the differences in the way older and younger generations adapt. It generates questions as to what it means to be an immigrant, what it means to be American and what is lost and gained through assimilation.