About the Book

In this gentle, humorous sequel to the New York Times bestseller Chu’s Day, Chu, the adorable panda with the big sneeze, is anxious about the first day of school. “Will they like me?” he worries. When he finally arrives at school, the teacher asks, “What do you do?” to each child. Everyone has an answer, except Chu—until he discovers the one thing that makes him unique!

About the Author

Neil Gaiman is the author of many highly acclaimed and award-winning books for children and adults, including the New York Times #1 bestselling and Newbery and Carnegie Medal–winning novel The Graveyard Book and the bestselling Coraline; Fortunately, the Milk; and Chu’s Day. He is also the author of the picture books Blueberry Girl and Instructions, illustrated by Charles Vess; The Wolves in the Walls, The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish, and Crazy Hair, illustrated by Dave McKean; and The Dangerous Alphabet, illustrated by Gris Grimly. Originally from England, he now lives in the United States. Visit him online at www.mousecircus.com.

About the Illustrator

Adam Rex is the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator of several picture books, including Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich, Pssst!, and Frankenstein Takes the Cake, as well as the illustrator of the bestselling Chu’s Day. His first novel was The True Meaning of Smekday. He lives in Tucson, Arizona, with his wife. You can visit him online at www.adamrex.com.

Before Reading

Read Neil Gaiman and Adam Rex’s first story about Chu, Chu’s Day, to your class. Then you might lead a short discussion about Chu to prepare for reading Chu’s First Day of School. Potential questions to spark discussion: What do students learn about Chu’s personality, his family, his interests, and his town? What do they think of the tremendous sneeze?