



# Book Club in a Bag Discussion Questions

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## ***We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story*** by Simu Liu

1. Simu Liu is most well known for his character Shang Chi in the Marvel Universe, but many Canadians were introduced to him as a star of the television show *Kim's Convenience*. Were you already a fan of this actor before reading his memoir, and what is your favorite role that he played?
2. Did your opinion of Liu change after reading this book?
3. While this book is a celebrity memoir, the focus is not really about Liu's time in Hollywood – a great deal of the book focuses on his background growing up in Canada as a son of immigrants. What part of the book did you enjoy the most?
4. What surprised you the most about the experiences Liu's family had in China?
5. The struggle of immigrant children to live up to the sacrifices made by parents striving to provide a better life is a well known one, particularly in Canada. What effect did this have on Liu?
6. Some people have criticized this book because Liu did not outline how he and his parents came to a resolution after so clearly outlining their past relationship. Do you think that more detail was needed? Why do you think that information was not included?
7. Even though Liu was ultimately successful at his acting career, how difficult would it be to encourage a child to pursue a career in acting when they are already trained as an accountant?
8. How much of Liu's success do you think he can credit to his parents – or did he find success despite of them?
9. What was the most surprising detail you learned about the life of a working actor?

The above questions were created by Clarington Library, Museum & Archives staff members to enhance your discussion of the book.

# Author Biography

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Simu Liu is an actor and writer best known for his work on Marvel Studios' *Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, in five seasons of the beloved family sitcom *Kim's Convenience*, and for manifesting his dreams into existence with a Tweet. He wishes he had tweeted for something a bit better - like world peace, or for his parents to finally say "I love you". He lives in Los Angeles, Toronto, and wherever the best tax credits for film production are.

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