

Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

Content Questions

1. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, what day does Asha’s father promise he’ll be back home?
 - a. He promises he’ll be back by Diwali (p. 2).
2. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan what does the village which say Asha must sacrifice to have a successful journey?
 - a. She must sacrifice her hair (p. 50).
3. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan what bird guides Asha and Jeevan on their journey?
 - a. The lamagaia, (p. 50).
4. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, what does Jeevan do on their train ride to Zandapur that gets the two of them kicked off?
 - a. He sneezes, alerting the train guards (p. 94).
5. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, what happens to Jeevan’s younger brother when he is five?
 - a. His younger brother dies of fever (p. 65).
6. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, what animal tries to attack Jeevan while he sleeps?
 - a. A wolf (p. 155).
7. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan what do we learn is significant about the moon on Diwali?
 - a. The celebration falls on the darkest day of the month, when there is no moon (p. 305).
8. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, what does Nina give the children when they get into the taxi with her?
 - a. She offers them a poisoned barfi.
9. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, what Asha see when she wakes up in the hospital in Zandipur?

- a. The mango seedling has grown overnight, and the spirit bird is at the window (p. 278)

10. In “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan, Asha often uses a Devay. What is this?

- a. A small clay pot filled with oil and a wick, similar to a tea light. (Glossary).

In Which Book Questions:

1. In which is the main character referred to as the “thunder baby” by her family?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 46)
2. In which book does the main character feed her friend with goats’ milk to help him recover from sickness?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 156)
3. In which book does a tiger protect the main characters’ best friend while he recovers from illness?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 152)
4. In which book are the main characters forced to work in a yard sorting pieces of trash?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 208)
5. In which book does the main character plan to steal a garbage truck to escape from their captors?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 227)
6. In what book does the main character arrive at their destination only to find it has been burnt to a crisp?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 252)
7. In which book does a which live on the outskirts of the village?
 - a. “Asha and the Spirit Bird,” by Jasbinder Bilan (p. 41)