Chachajis Cup is a gentle tale of family love and the power of memory, brought to life with richly hued paintings. Neel loves listening to Chachajis stories over steaming cups of tea. Chachajis tales of great Hindu gods and demons, and of his adventures in the Indian Army, leave Neel openmouthed. But it is the tale of his great-uncles favorite teacup that teaches Neel the most, for Chachajis cup holds far more than sweet, spicy masala chai. It holds the story of a family and a country split in two during the 1947 partition of India and Pakistan. When the precious cup and Chachajis health both prove to be more fragile than they look, Neel knows what he must do.

My Personal Review:
The great partition of India and Pakistan in 1947 caused chaos, conflict, and displacement throughout the sub-continent. Uma Krishnaswami masterfully introduces the partition to kids, using the relationship between an immigrant boy and his grandfather to illuminate the cost of that historical event. Readers will relate to Neel, a typical elementary-aged American boy who loves shooting hoops and playing computer games. When Neel decides to honor his family's history and heritage, the encouragement for readers to do the same is subtle but powerful. After finishing this moving book and enjoying Sitaramans delightful illustrations, I wanted to share a cup of steaming tea with my Dad and hear a few more of his Partition stories.

For More 5 Star Customer Reviews and Lowest Price:
Chachajis Cup by Uma Krishnaswami - 5 Star Customer Reviews and Lowest Price!