

‘The Mountain of Miracles’ Brings Faith, Forgiveness, and Hope to BIBF 2026

Explora Books featured *The Mountain of Miracles* by Cleous G. Young, at the 32nd Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF), held June 17–21, 2026, at the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing.



Vancouver, British Columbia Aug 6, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Displayed at Booth 5A.B14 as part of Explora Books' international showcase of independent authors, the story introduced Young's faith-centered storytelling to a global publishing audience. Set in a hidden mountain village, it explores faith,

forgiveness, and community as enduring sources of hope and healing. The fair's 40th-anniversary edition brought together over 1,700 exhibitors from 82 countries and regions, with the United Arab Emirates serving as Guest of Honor and a program exploring artificial intelligence, intellectual property licensing, and cross-media publishing. Even within those forward-looking discussions, children's publishing remained one of the fair's strongest sectors, reflecting continued demand for stories rooted in character, values, and emotional growth. Young's novel entered that conversation from a faith-based perspective, offering a narrative centered on compassion, responsibility, and redemption.

Published by ARPress in 2026 and illustrated by Robert Schoolcraft, *The Mountain of Miracles* follows David and his ailing grandfather as a routine search for medicinal herbs leads them beyond familiar trails into a secluded village governed by equality, shared labor, and mutual care. The community's leader, Shaheim, refuses special status, reinforcing a culture in which every person's needs are equally important. Through vine-built shelters, riverside baptisms, communal meals, and acts of everyday service, the novel portrays a society where healing depends as much on relationships as it does on faith.

The story gradually shifts from discovery to personal transformation. David's artistic gift, initially celebrated, becomes a source of pride and isolation before leading him toward repentance. Young resists easy resolution, allowing David's redemption to unfold over months of quiet reflection, the patient kindness of the villagers who continue to care for him despite his withdrawal, and his eventual return to both prayer and community. Rather than presenting redemption as a single moment, the novel portrays it as a gradual process of humility, forgiveness, and renewed trust. By its conclusion, David's renewed gift, the village's forgiveness, and a family restored through patience rather than dramatic revelation bring that journey to its natural resolution.

The novel also aligned with broader trends highlighted throughout BIBF. While much of the fair emphasized artificial intelligence, digital publishing, and international rights, organizers noted that children's books accounted for nearly 29 percent of China's retail book market in 2025, highlighting sustained demand for titles with lasting educational and emotional value. Against that backdrop, Young's story offered readers a quieter but enduring perspective—one rooted not in technological innovation but in timeless themes of faith, compassion, forgiveness, and the transformative power of community.

[The Mountain of Miracles](#) is available through Amazon and other major digital bookstores. For more information, visit www.cleousyoung.com and www.themountainofmiracles.com.

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