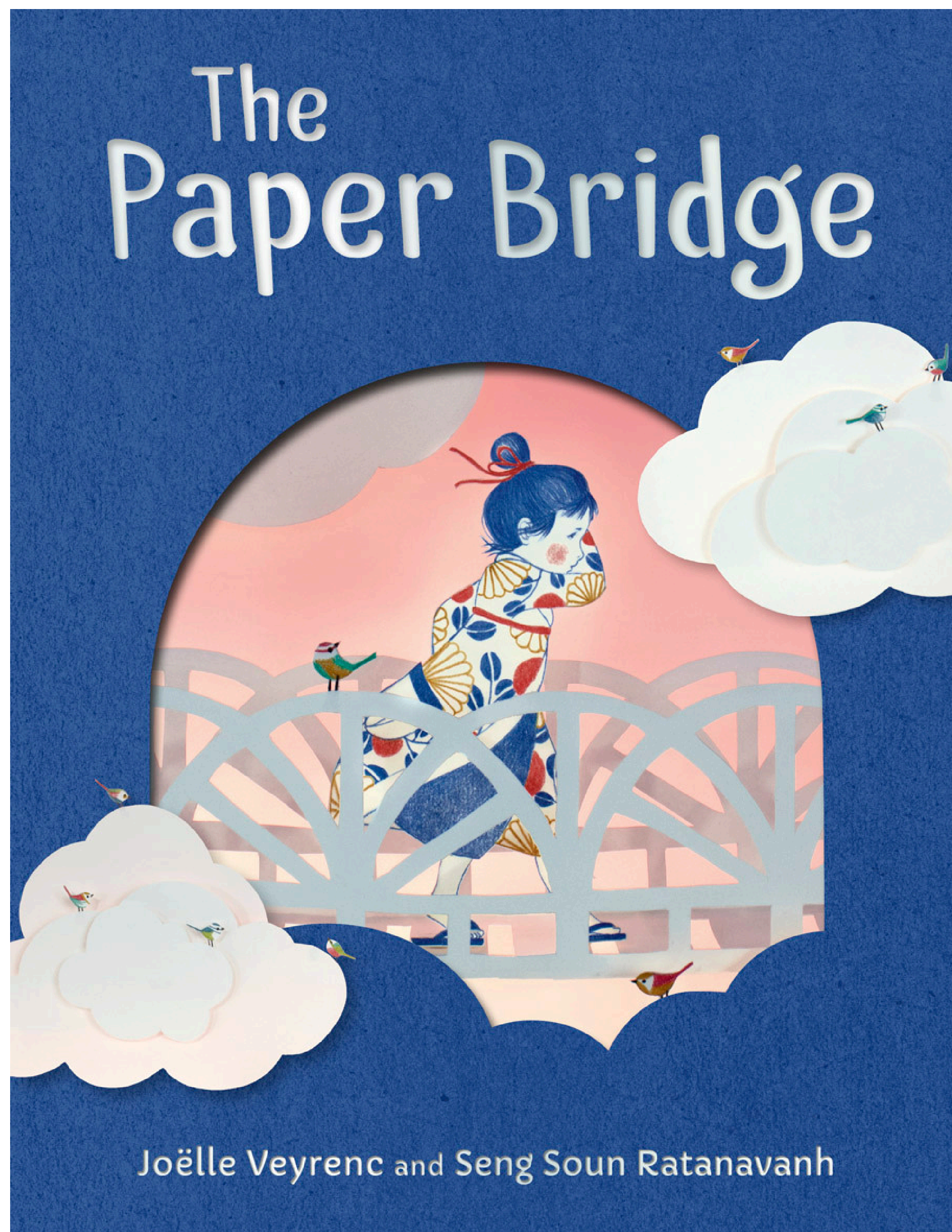


The Carnegies



The Carnegie Longlist 2026 Shadowing Resources



The Paper Bridge

Carnegie Medal for Illustration

Illustrator: Seng Soun Ratanavanh

Age range: 4+

Description:

Although the windy season is over, Anya is surprised by the gusts of wind and is keen to find the cause of this, building a paper bridge to cross into the next village. There's an exquisite quality to the way art is used to create core memories which engage and enchant readers. Clever composition and placement on the page really draw readers in and the use of blue and white feels reminiscent of traditional porcelain in this distinctive book.

Themes:

- Community
- Craft
- Fable

Shadowing Ideas:

1. Consider kirigami. What is it? What are its origins? What is the difference between kirigami and origami? The following blog post offers a nice starting point for wider research. [The Paper Bridge: Discover Kirigami - Floris Books Blog](#)
2. Create your own 3D scene made of paper or cardboard. You could feature your local area, your home or school, or perhaps a park, garden or beach. Create a display in your classroom or library.
3. Compare the colours in Paperlee and Forestlee. What differences do you see? Are there any similarities? What do you think they mean? Create the same drawing in each colour palette to explore how the changes impact the overall effect.