

Listening for Lions

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A critically acclaimed historical novel "that roars" (Kliatt), from the author of the National Book Award-winning novel *Homeless Bird*.

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Named one of New York Public Library's One Hundred Titles for Reading and Sharing, this tale of a strong young heroine "in the tradition of Frances Hodgson Burnett" (School Library Journal), by award-winning master of historical fiction Gloria Whelan, is a perfect read for schools and classrooms, as well as for fans of *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park.

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Gloria Whelan is the bestselling author of many novels for young readers, including *Homeless Bird*, winner of the National Book Award; *Fruitlands: Louisa May Alcott Made Perfect*; *Angel on the Square*; *Burying the Sun*; *Once on This Island*, winner of the Great Lakes Book Award; and *Return to the Island*. She lives in the woods of northern Michigan.

Other Books

Angel on the Square, From the author of the National Book Award-winning novel *Homeless Bird* comes "an absorbing saga"* about a young heroine coming of age in the tumultuous years leading up to the Russian revolution. Gripping, accessible historical fiction that's perfect for schools and classrooms, as well as for fans of Ruta Sepetys and Elizabeth Wein. In the fall of 1914, safe behind palace walls, Katya Ivanova sees St. Petersburg as a magical place. The daughter of a lady in waiting to the Empress, Katya spends all her time with the Grand Duchesses, and the royal family feels like her own. But outside the palace, a terrible war is sweeping through Europe, and Russia is beginning to crumble under the weight of a growing revolution. Now, as Katya's once-certain future begins to dissolve, she must seek to understand what is happening to her beloved country and, for the first time in her life, take charge of her own destiny. With her trademark lyricism, spare prose, and strong young

heroine, award-winning author Gloria Whelan has again taken a chapter from history and transformed it into compelling historical fiction. *Kirkus

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