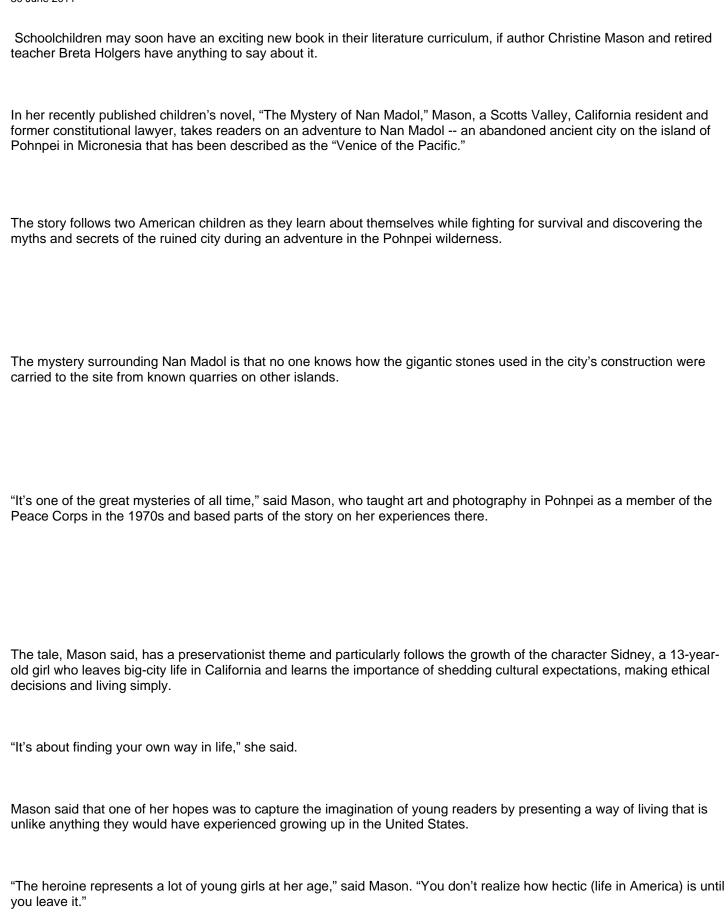
## Book takes youngsters to new culture: Nan Madol

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Holgers, who taught fourth and fifth grades at Brook Knoll Elementary School for 40 years before retiring, collaborated with Mason to create a reader's guide companion for the book that includes sample comprehension questions and a selection of vocabulary words for use in a classroom setting.
"(The culture of Micronesia) is a culture I'd say no one's really familiar with," Holgers said.
"Environmental sensitivity, issues of basic happiness and simple living — those are things I'd hope a reader would take from this," she added.
Holger and Mason plan to offer the book for sale at book fairs, and their hope is ultimately to have it become part of a classroom reading curriculum.
Though Mason hopes to get her book into local bookstores, the book and reader's guide are already sold online. Both are published by Los Gatos-based Robertson Publishing.
At a glance:
Title: "The Mystery of Nan Madol," by Christine Mason
Cost: \$9.95
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