

MAGICAL MOUNTAINS

The beautiful mountains with fantastic shapes are called karsks. They are formed when limestone land is uplifted, and then eroded for thousands of years. Inside the mountains, there are often caves and underground lakes and rivers. Water that flows through limestone is crystal clear, like the Lijiang River pictured in *Daisy Comes Home*. The City of Guilin is surrounded by mountains with unusual names, like The Camel, The Elephant and Nine Horse Painted Cliff. In my book, I made up mountains with animal shapes. Can you find fifteen animals in the mountains in *Daisy Comes Home*?



MY STONE SEAL

In *Daisy Comes Home*, I signed each painting with my name, "Jan" by stamping a stone seal, or "chop" in red ink and pressing it into the paper. Many Chinese paintings are signed this way. I like the top part because it looks like chicken feet.

