

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association President's Program

Saturday June 23, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:30 am
MCC Room 279—280

Wandering Wonderland: How an Outsider Found Her Way in (with Author/ Illustrator LeUyen Pham)



Award-winning author/illustrator LeUyen Pham has created over one hundred books for children. She's worked with some of the most established names in the children's book industry, including Eve Bunting, Jerry Spinelli, and Mo Willems, as well as several other notable figures, such as actress Julianne Moore and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. She has frequently collaborated with Newberry Winner Shannon Hale, through their best-selling series "The Princess in Black" and their recent graphic novel "Real Friends". She is also the illustrator of the Alvin Ho series by Lenore Look, and "Grace For President" by Kelly DiPucchio. Her series "Vampirina Ballerina", written by Anne Marie Pace, was recently made into a TV series by Disney Television. Her own books include "Big Sister, Little Sister" and "The Bear Who Wasn't There". LeUyen was born in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Her family fled to the United States when she was just two years old, and much of her art reflects her mixed cultural upbringing in a suburban Southern California town. "Wandering Wonderland" is LeUyen's story of her immigrant family, told through the books from her childhood that influenced her most, and that reflect the ideas and beliefs she most cherished while growing up in this foreign land.

