

Grace Lin



“When I decided to create children’s books as my profession, I remembered my own childhood . . . I try to make books that the contemporary child can relate to.”

Grace Lin grew up in Upstate New York with her parents and two sisters. While the other sisters became scientists, Grace became an artist. Surprisingly enough, being an artist was not Grace’s first choice. She first dreamed of being a champion ice skater, and drew many pictures of herself twirling and dancing on the ice. Unfortunately, Grace had neither the talent nor coordination to make it to skating stardom. However, the pictures she drew of herself held much promise and quickly became Grace's career focus.

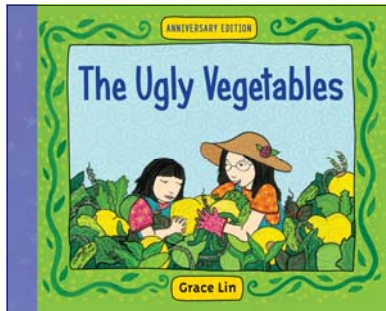
After attending Rhode Island School of Design, Grace quickly set out to achieve her dream of creating children's books. Her first book, *The Ugly Vegetables*, was published in 1999 and was quickly heralded. As well as being an American Booksellers Association’s “Pick of the List” and a Bank’s Street College Best Books of the Year, *The Ugly Vegetables* was nominated for the California Young Reader Children’s Choice Award and named a Growing Good Kids Book Award Classic.

Grace followed that success with the publication of over a dozen more books, including *Dim Sum for Everyone!* (Knopf), *Fortune Cookie Fortunes* (Knopf), and *Olvina Flies* (Henry Holt). Her book *Robert’s Snow* (Viking Books) became the inspiration for the cancer fighting fundraiser, *Robert’s Snow: For Cancer’s Cure* (www.robertssnow.com) and was featured on NBC’s Today Show. Most recently, Grace's first children’s novel, *The Year of the Dog* (Little, Brown) was released with glowing praise.

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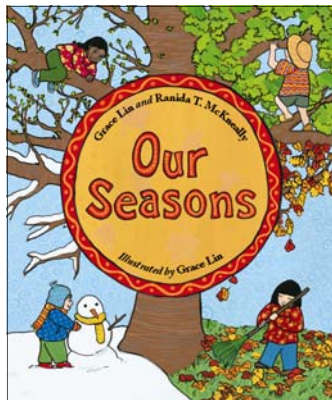


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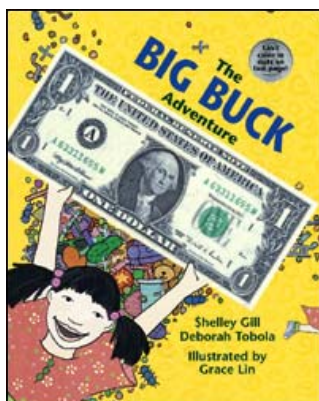


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