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## **THI BUI**

**Vietnamese American**

**Illustrator**

**CALDECOTT Honor Book (2018)**

**Born:** 1975 (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)

Thi is one of six children. In 1978, she was among the “boat people” who fled from Vietnam to America. Thi became a schoolteacher and one of the founders of Oakland International High School, the first public high school in California for recent immigrants. Thi wrote her autobiography in her first graphic novel, *The Best We Could Do* (2017). She won the Caldecott Honor Book for illustrating *A Different Pond* (2017), a book written by Bao Phi about a Vietnamese American father-and-son relationship.