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HANNA CHA

Korean American

Author and Illustrator

CALDECOTT Honor Book (2024)

APAAL (2024)

Born: date unknown (South Carolina)

Hanna's parents were in South Carolina for her father's PhD studies when Hanna and her brother were born. They grew up in the South until the second grade when the family returned to Korea. Five years later, the parents decided it was better for the children to study in the United States. Hanna attended the Rhode Island School of Design majoring in illustration. Her debut book, *Tiny Feet between the Mountains* (2019), was her college graduation project. Hanna illustrated the Caldecott Honor Book titled *The Truth about Dragons* (2023) by Julie Leung. It also received the APAAL in the Picture Book category.