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PLATO CHAN

Chinese American

Illustrator

CALDECOTT Honor Book (1944)

Born: March 14, 1930 (New York)

Died: January 18, 2006 (Philadelphia)

Born in New York, Plato grew up in Germany, France, and England. He began drawing at age eighteen months and had his first public exhibition in Paris at age six. During World War II, his father, a Chinese diplomat, was interned in a German camp and the family returned to New York. The mother Chih-yi Chan, a Chinese national, adapted a Chinese tale for Plato to illustrate. This became *The Good-Luck Horse* (1943). For this book, Plato was the youngest at age fourteen and the first APIA to receive a Caldecott Honor Book.