



Crystal Hu (SFSU 2023)

GYO FUJIKAWA

Japanese American

Author and Illustrator

Born: November 3, 1908 (Berkeley, California)

Died: November 26, 1998 (New York, New York)

Gyo's family and teachers encouraged Gyo to pursue art. She attended art school and traveled to Japan. When she returned to Los Angeles in 1939, Walt Disney Studios hired her to design promotional materials for *Fantasia* (1940). World War II began, and her family was sent to the incarceration camps. Heartbroken but undeterred, Gyo continued to thrive and designed many Walt Disney books and created several books on diversity and inclusion. Her first book, *Babies* (1963), featured children of different ethnicities and touched upon Gyo's difficult experiences and life.