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Minfong's parents were of Chinese descent and taught Chinese language and culture to their daughter. Minfong grew up near Bangkok, so Thai language and culture also became an integral part of her life. She began writing after leaving home to study economics at Cornell University. Minfong's fictional stories are mainly set in Southeast Asia. One of her goals in writing is to accurately represent Thailand, Burma/Myanmar, and China. Her picture book, *Hush! A Thai Lullaby* (1996), was a Caldecott Honor Book.