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MINH LÊ

Vietnamese American Author APAAL (2019)

Born: October 13, 1979 (Middletown, Connecticut)

Minh struggled with language barriers as a child of Vietnamese refugees. Listening to bedtime stories of Vietnam helped him adjust but also directed his future interest in creating diverse picture books. Minh won the APAAL (Picture Book Category) for *Drawn Together* (2019) and his *Green Lantern Legacy* (2020) was named best book of the year by the *New York Times*. His social justice work includes writing inclusive books and fighting for early childhood policies and support. In 2018, Minh was named one of the 100 Coolest Dads in America by Fatherly.com.