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## **JULIE LEUNG**

**Chinese American  
Author**

**CALDECOTT Honor Book (2024)**

**APAAL (2021, 2024)**

**Born:** May 31, 1987? (New York, New York)

Julie grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia during the 1990s. Her parents ran a Chinese restaurant where she worked after school and on weekends. Her main entertainment was reading library books. Julie graduated with English and journalism degrees from the University of Georgia. Her award-winning picture books include historical nonfiction about Chinese Americans like Tyrus Wong, Hazel Ying Lee, and I.M. Pei. Julie's book entitled *The Truth about Dragons* (2023) is a Caldecott Honor Book and earned her a second APAAL (Picture Book Category) in 2024.