



Caitlyn Alycia Carnecer (SFSU 2024)

GRACE LIN

Chinese American

Author and Illustrator

CALDECOTT Honor Book (2019)

Born: May 17, 1974 (New Hartford, New York)

Grace's parents did not want Grace to go into art but in sixth grade she placed fourth place in a national book contest. She also wanted to be an ice skater and would draw herself twirling and swirling. Grace eventually wrote and illustrated over twenty-five award-winning books for children and young adults. She received a Caldecott Honor Book for *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* (2018). Grace's social justice work was recognized by President Barack Obama when she was named the Champion of Change for Asian American and Pacific Islander Art and Storytelling in 2016.