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Kenard is originally from Baltimore. He has fond memories of growing up in the suburbs of Howard County in Maryland. His parents immigrated from Korea and ran different food businesses in downtown. Kenard wanted to be an architect when he was a child. He eventually attended Syracuse University and the California Institute of the Arts. In addition to being a picture book illustrator and author, he has worked as a Visual Development Artist for Dreamworks Animation and Walt Disney Animation. Among his many books, *Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter* won the 2018 Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Illustration, given annually by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).