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## **BAO PHI**

**Vietnamese American**

**Author**

**CALDECOTT Honor Book (2018)**

**APAAL (2018)**

**Born:** 1975 (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)

Bao is an award-winning writer and performance poet who writes about overcoming racial and racist divisions. It was not until he became a father that he was motivated to write diverse picture books to represent his culture. His first picture book *A Different Pond* (2017) reflects his childhood experience growing up as a refugee. It won the Caldecott Honor Book award and the APAAL for the Picture Book Category. Bao reinforces family bonding by reading to his daughter every night.