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When Chris was eight years old, he and his sister were adopted by the Soentpiet family and moved from Korea to Hawai'i. Chris' high school paintings won him a scholarship to study fine arts and education at Pratt Institute in New York City. This encouraged him to pursue his passion for painting by illustrating children's books. The first book he wrote and illustrated was *Around Town* (1994). Chris won many awards for his picture books.