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## **MARIKO TAMAKI**

**Japanese and Jewish Canadian**

**Author**

**CALDECOTT Honor Book (2015)**

**Born:** 1975 (Toronto, Canada)

Mariko is a multi-award-winning graphic novel writer and performance artist. She had a difficult time growing up as an adolescent. Her work addresses issues of queerness, body image, and depression. With her cousin Jillian Tamaki, Mariko co-created a graphic novel that addresses the awkwardness of youth. It was entitled *This One Summer* (2014) and won the Caldecott Honor Book and the Governor General's Award. Mariko was subsequently asked to write for Marvel and DC Comics, and has worked on *She-Hulk*, *Supergirl*, *Wonder Woman*, and *Spiderman and Venom*.