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Laurence grew up in a predominantly African American neighborhood. He helped at his father's grocery store every day and began writing science fiction when in high school. Laurence is most known for his young adult novel series: *Golden Mountain Chronicles*, *Chinatown Mysteries*, *Tiger's Apprentice*, *City Trilogy*, and *Dragon's Guide*. He received two Newbery Honors for his novels, *Dragonwings* (1975) and *Dragon's Gate* (1993). In the 1990s, Laurence began writing picture books that retold Chinese folktales. *Butterfly Boy* (1993) was among the earliest of these. Laurence received many awards for his sixty-plus children's and young adult books.