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APAAL (2017)

Born: September 9, 1976 (Seoul, South Korea)

Hyewon decided to be a writer and illustrator when she was in college where she discovered picture books. Her twin sister has influenced her stories and illustrations. In the beginning, Hyewon felt her English was not good enough to be a writer. But now her many books have earned over thirty awards. Her first published book *Last Night* (2009) was her graduation project and won two awards. Hyewon received an APAAL (Picture Book Category) for *Puddle* (2016), a story about a little boy bored on a rainy day.