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CALDECOTT Honor Book (2025)

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Gracey is an award-winning illustrator, author, and animator with a BFA in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She was raised in Coquitlam, a suburb of Vancouver, and is now based in New York. Gracey has always loved drawing which led her to study Illustration. Her debut author/illustrator book titled *Lala's Words* (2021) won many praises and awards. Three years later, she illustrated *Noodles on a Bicycle* (2024). It is a historical picture book about bicycle food deliverers in Tokyo. This work became a Caldecott Honor Book in 2025.