



Meet the Author: Grace Lin



Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Utica, New York. I lived with my parents and two sisters.

Where do you live now?

Today I live in Northampton, Massachusetts.

When did you start to write books?

Whenever I had a project for school, I would make a book! In sixth grade, I entered a national contest. My book won fourth place. I was so happy! I decided that I wanted to keep making books.

Who makes the pictures for your books?

I do! I draw and paint the pictures for my books. The person who makes the pictures for a book is called an illustrator. I am an illustrator and an author!

Where do you get the ideas for your books?

From everywhere! I always carry a sketchbook with me. I never know when a good idea will come along!

What is your advice for beginning writers?

To read. If you want to be a writer, you have to be a reader. Every book you read will help you be a better writer.

What are some of your other books?

I have made over 30 books. Here are a few of my favorites:

- *The Ugly Vegetables* – My first published book!
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* – Based on my daughter
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* – A love letter to folklore and fairy tales



Grace Lin in her studio