

每月作家
Author of the Month



“**Flora Ahn** is an attorney by day and an author and illustrator by night. Her work includes a children's chapter book series, *Pug Pals*, an Audible Original, *The Golden Orchard*, a middle-grade novel, *A Spoonful of Time*, *A Brush with Magic* and her popular blog, *Bah Humpug*. Raised in California by her Korean immigrant parents, Flora lives in Virginia with her three pugs and practices law in DC. She is always looking for opportunities to further pursue her love of food, books, drawing, and writing, and is especially excited to find ways to combine them (“Flora Ahn”).

A Brush with Magic was inspired by a trip Flora Ahn took with her mum to South Korea. Having been born and raised in the United States, she was looking forward to immersing herself in a different but somewhat familiar culture. Seoul would not be like the small Koreatowns in American cities she often frequented; it would be a whole sprawling city of its own.

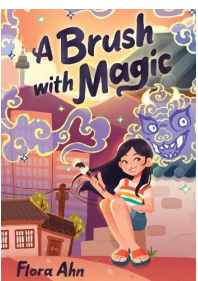
Upon arriving in Seoul, she initially felt disappointment, as it resembled other major cities. However, beneath its modern facade were narrow streets filled with enticing aromas, traditional crafts, and vibrant K-pop merchandise. After 10 days, Seoul captivated her senses and completely won her heart.

She wanted to share Seoul with others. She wanted her readers to experience the wide array of Korean food beyond the well-known barbecue and bibimbap. So she moved the main character, Yumi out of her fantastical but cold world to the welcoming arms of a Seoul buzzing with life (“Flora Ahn’s Inspiration”). The book received positive reviews from several literary magazines, such as the *School Library Journal*, *Booklist* and *Publisher’s Weekly*.

“Flora Ahn.” *Flora Ahn*, www.floraahn.com/about. Accessed 9 Dec. 2025.

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 Library Collection (Primary)



[A Brush With Magic](#)

Call number: F AHN

Twelve-year-old Yumi, on her first trip to Korea with her sister Minji, discovers an enchanted ink brush that brings a creature from her grandfather's fairy tales to life. Together, they explore Seoul’s bustling markets, ancient palaces, and the subway, experiencing unforgettable adventures along the way.



[A Spoonful Of Time](#)

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Maya’s grandmother, Halmunee, may be losing her memory, but her cooking holds a magical essence. One extraordinary bite of patbingsu transports them to Seoul, where Halmunee is young again. In this moment, memories and flavors intertwine, revealing the vibrant past Maya never knew before.