

每月作家  
Author of the Month



**“Joanna Ho** is the New York Times bestselling and award-winning of many books for kids. She has received the Asian/Pacific American Award for Children’s Literature Honor, a Golden Kite Award, an Ezra Jack Keats Honor, and been finalist for the Kirkus Prize (Ho, Joanna).

She is a writer and educator with a passion for anti-bias, anti-racism and equity work. She holds a BA in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and a master’s from the Principal Leadership Institute at Berkeley. She has been an English teacher, a dean, the designer of an alternative-to-prison program, a creator of educator professional development, and a high school vice principal (Ho, Joanna).

The following quote from Joanna Ho summarizes her writing philosophy: “Words are power. Stories are power. I want young people and adults to know their own power in the world, to be critically conscious and understand their ability to create change. This is at the core of my books and my work as an educator and facilitator of learning” (“Joanna Ho”).

She lives in the Bay Area, where she enjoys homemade chocolate chip cookies, outdoor adventures, and dance parties with her kids (Ho, Joanna).

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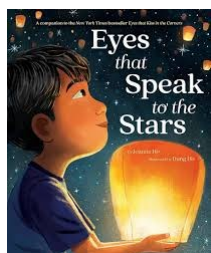
 Library Collection (Primary)



**[Eyes That Kiss in the Corners](#)**

**Call number: P HO**

A young Asian girl notices her eyes differ from her peers' big, round ones. She realizes her eyes are like her mother's, grandmother's, and sister's eyes that kiss in the corners, glow like warm tea, and crinkle into crescent moons. Filled with past stories and future hope, she draws strength from these powerful women, embraces her own beauty, and discovers self-love and empowerment. This poetic book resonates across generations.



**[Eyes That Speak To The Stars](#)**

**Call number: P HO**

A young boy faces a hurtful drawing from a schoolmate and seeks comfort from his family. Through their love, he recognizes his own power to shape the future. He realizes his eyes rise to the skies, speak to stars, shine like sunlit rays, and glimpse ancestral trails of light, just like his father's, grandfather's, and little brother's. His eyes are visionary, and he embraces his strength.