每月作家 Author of the Month

Linda Sue Park wrote young adult stories that transport readers to Korea and explore themes of self-discovery, courage, and perseverance. Park was awarded the Newbery Medal for her novel *A Single Shard* (2001).

Park was born on March 25, 1960, in Urbana, Illinois, to first generation Korean immigrants. From an early age she was an avid reader and writer. She published her first work of poetry in a children's magazine when she was nine years old. After graduating from Stanford University in California in 1981 with a degree in English, Park took a public relations position at an oil company. She composed poetry and short stories on the side. In 1983 she moved to Ireland and later lived in England with her husband and children. Park continued to practice her writing—most notably as a food critic, a journalist, and an advertising copywriter—but she ultimately found the work unfulfilling.

Park and her family moved back to the United States in 1990. While pursuing an interest in Korean folktales, Park learned a great deal about her heritage. She also discovered that she wanted to try writing young adult books. Her first book, *Seesaw Girl* (1999), is set in 17th-century Korea. It tells of a sheltered young girl's curiosity to see the world beyond the walls of her home. Park's books deal with timeless topics that help young readers to identify with characters that on the surface might seem much different than themselves. Besides her works for young adults, Park also wrote picture books and poetry and short stories for adults ("Linda Sue Park").

"Linda Sue Park." *Britannica School*, Encyclopaedia Britannica, 20 Apr. 2022. school.ebonline.com/levels/middle/article/Linda-Sue-Park/384913. Accessed 26 Sep. 2024.

Library Collection (Secondary Section)

Archer's Quest

Call number: JF PAR

Twelve-year-old Kevin Kim is shocked when a young man, complete with bow and arrows, crash-lands on his bedroom floor--especially when that man, Skillful Archer, claims to be a legendary ruler from ancient Korea.

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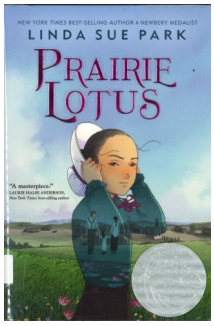
A man who can stick his left toe behind his head and in his ear. An epileptic girl seeking answers in a fairy tale. A boy who loses everything in World War II, and his brother who loses even more. And a family with a secret so big that it changes everything.



Prairie Lotus

2021 Youth Literature Honor Book

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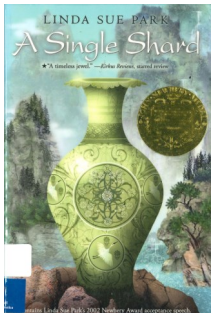
In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.



A Single Shard

2002 Newbery Medal

Call number: JF PAR

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.