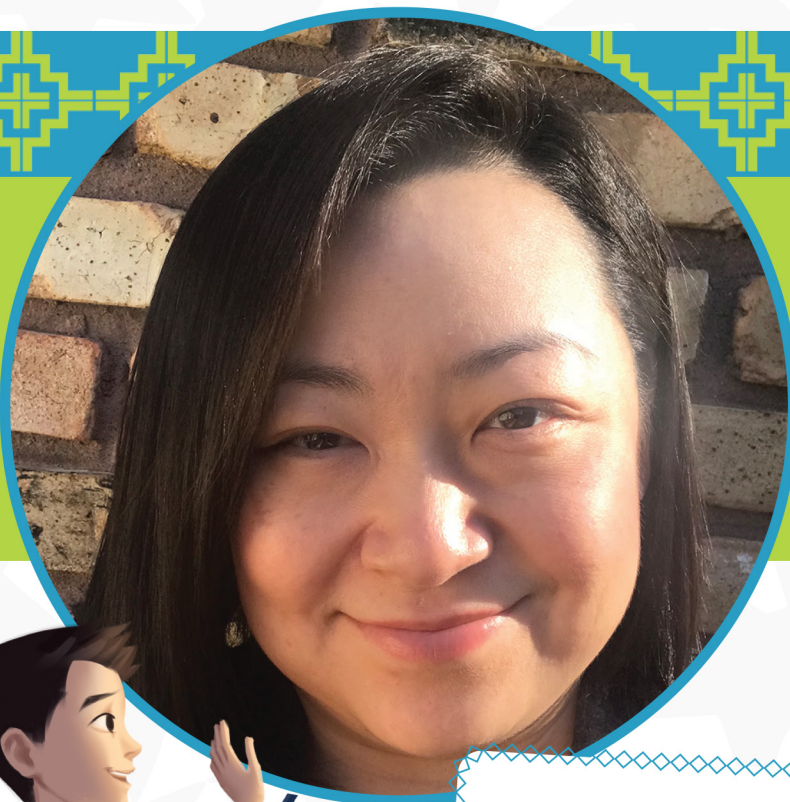


MEET V.T. BIDANIA!



WHAT IS YOUR BOOK SERIES ABOUT?

My book is about 8-year-old twins Astrid and Apollo and their family adventures. I am so excited to bring Hmong representation to the world of chapter books!

ASTRID AND APOLLO HAVE A STRONG SIBLING BOND. DO YOU HAVE ANY SIBLINGS?

I have six brothers and sisters, so I have a lot of ideas for more adventures for Astrid and Apollo!

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HMONG FOODS?

My family loves fried chicken, Hmong sausages, and sticky rice!

WHAT DOES FAMILY MEAN TO YOU?

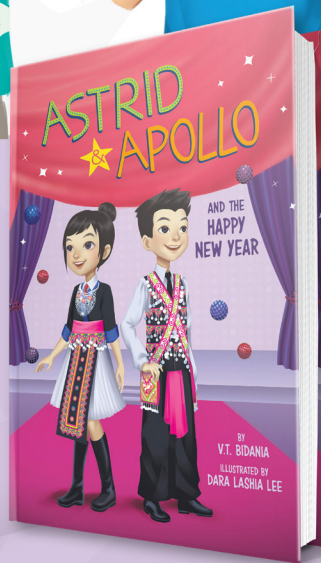
Family means the people who support you, joke and laugh with you, and are your best friends forever!

WHAT DO YOU WANT READERS TO TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR BOOKS?

Hmong-American children are like all other children—they love laughing and having fun!

HOW MANY OF THESE STORIES ARE BASED ON YOUR CHILDHOOD ADVENTURES?

Actually, all of the stories are inspired by true events that happened to me as a kid and to my own kids when we moved back to Minnesota a few years ago.



Meet Astrid and Apollo, curious, bright, and fun-loving 8-year-olds. With their Hmong American family, the twins try new things such as camping, fishing, and soccer. Showcasing a warm sibling relationship, as well as themes of exploration and tradition, Astrid and Apollo will delight young readers.

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