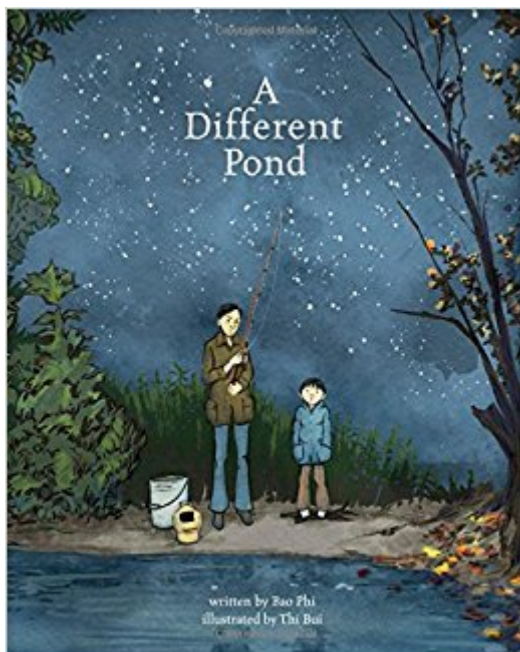


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A Different Pond



Synopsis

Acclaimed poet Bao Phi delivers a powerful, honest glimpse into a relationship between father and son and between cultures, old and new. *A Different Pond* is an unforgettable story about a simple event on a long-ago fishing trip. As a young boy, Bao Phi awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. A successful catch meant a fed family. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam. The *New York Times* has said that Bao Phi's poetry "rhymes with the truth." Together with graphic novelist Thi Bui's striking, evocative art, Phi's expertly crafted prose reflects an immigrant family making its way in a new home while honoring its bonds to the past.

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Customer Reviews

STARRED REVIEW Graphic novel panels and strong figures give the pages the air of a documentary as Phi celebrates an unexpected superhero: a father who endures a strange new culture, works to support his family, cherishes time with his son, and draws no attention to the sacrifices he's made. --Publishers Weekly **STARRED REVIEW** Phi's bittersweet story of the

resourcefulness of an immigrant family is lovingly illustrated in Bui's evocative artwork . . . This wistful, beautifully illustrated story will resonate not only with immigrant families but any family that has faced struggle. --BooklistSTARRED REVIEW "A fishing trip is not just a fishing trip in this poignant, semi-autobiographical tale . . . Together, Phi's gentle, melodic prose and Bui's evocative art, presented in brushy and vividly colored panels and double-page spreads, rise above the melancholy to tell a powerful, multilayered story about family, memory, and the costs of becoming a refugee. Spare and simple, a must-read for our times. --Kirkus Review

Bao Phi was born in Vietnam and raised in the Phillips neighborhood of South Minneapolis. His debut picture book for Capstone was the award-winning *A Different Pond*. It received starred reviews from numerous publications including *Booklist*, *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, and *Kirkus*. Bao is an author, a poet, a community organizer, and a father. Thi Bui was born in Vietnam and grew up in California and New York. Now all these places are a part of her. She draws and writes and teaches. She recently completed her first graphic novel, *The Best We Could Do* (Abrams, 2017), which is about her mother and father.

People ask me why I read children's books. It's because of books like 'A Different Pond' by Bao Phi with illustrations by Thi Bui. It is a children's picture book which uses a quiet power to tell a very deep story. A young boy and his father go fishing. During the course of the trip, the father remembers another fishing trip in another time and country. In both stories, a caught fish means food on the table. Soon the father and son have to go home so that the father can get to work. The author is an acclaimed poet, and the story feels like it is from his own experience. There is a depth and subtle sadness to this story that most children may not pick up on. A lost brother, a mouth of bad teeth, and an accent that is compared to a muddy river. There is also happiness to be found. A young boy makes a campfire, and a family eats a dinner together. The art is by a graphic artist that I was not familiar with but I like her work here. The simple style fits the story beautifully. Anything more elaborate would have detracted from this quiet beautiful story of a father and son making and sharing memories. I received a review copy of this ebook from Capstone Young Readers and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this ebook.

Powerful and poignant is *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi. The story is lovely, unpretentious with its down-to-earth style of telling the story of first generations immigrants. The title of a different pond conveys feelings the changes and displacement that the family that the family is going through in a

new country. I so appreciated the author's note and would consider it a must to include when reading this book to children. The text is short but poetic making it a perfect read for a young child. although young and older could appreciate this book. Why, because there is so much for thought in this tale of a boy going fishing early one morning with his father. The publisher through Net Galley provided a copy.

Wow, beautifully written of a simple event. This book has so many deeper meaning and yet interesting enough for my 7 years old to read.

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