



Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award 2013 Shortlist



Author: Jessica Alejandro

Illustrator: Cherryn Yap

Title: Extraordinary Losers – Operation Pants on Fire



4 children who are seemingly losers become subjects of bully. However, unbeknownst to their peers, they actually have powerful abilities. When they receive a mysterious note, they work together to solve crime. They discover the meaning of honesty, friendship and courage. In the end, they realise that they are not really losers but Extraordinary children. There is also a sub-plot that deals with cyber safety.



Jessica has been teaching publicly and privately for over 10 years. Jessica's debut novel "The Singapore Kid" won the Popular Readers Choice Award 2011. Through "Extraordinary Losers", she hopes to write about things closest to her heart; friendship, courage, inner beauty and of course donuts and chips! In real life, she listens closely to children's babble because she feels that that's when most truths are uttered.



Cherryn received her education in Fine Arts (Photography) from the School of Art, Design & Media (NTU) in 2010. Her interest in visual expression grew to include the use of many other mediums. She finds it a joy to be constantly experimenting, spreading herself thin as she strives to make every aspect in life a learning opportunity.



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Author: Ann Peters
Illustrator: Lydia Yang
Title: Farrer Park



In this charming collection of poetry, Ann Peters tells the stories of her wondrous childhood in Singapore from a child's view. The characters in Ann's rhyming verses embody the spirit of the people and places that she grew up among, and which she wishes to share with today's children.



Ann Peters is a Singaporean editor who has worked for many years in Asia's mainstream print media. Her fond recollections of growing up carefree in the Farrer Park neighbourhood inspired these rhyming vignettes, which are evocative of the people and place during her childhood. Ann has two grown-up children.

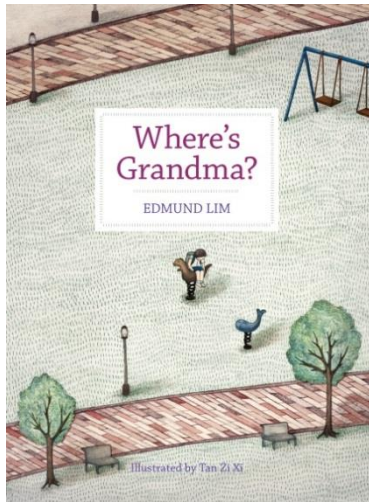
Lydia is a Visual Communications graduate from Temasek Polytechnic, majoring in Illustration. She has worked with companies such as Awfully Chocolate, Gushcloud and Public Garden. Now self-employed as a freelance illustrator and artist, Lydia enjoys working on spontaneous projects, creating art and has plans of setting up her own brand.



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Author: Edmund Lim
Illustrator: Tan Zi Xi
Title: Where's Grandma



Luke lives with Grandma and they do many things together. One day, Grandma got lost and life takes a turn...

"Where's Grandma" tells the poignant story of how Luke and his family cope with beloved Grandma's Alzheimer's disease condition and their journey together.



Edmund Lim W.K. is an educator who has taught at the National Institute of Education. Edmund enjoys reading and writing. He hopes that his storybooks will engage readers, young and old. His love for his grandparents and family, along with his desire to educate children, inspired him to write "Where's Grandma".



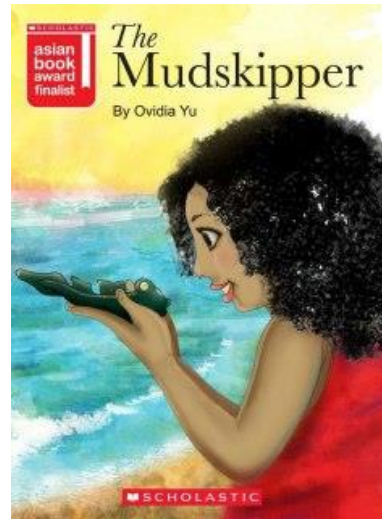
In 2006, Zi Xi spread her wings from Singapore to major in Illustration at Central Saint Martins, London. Zi Xi now works independently as a full-time illustrator and has held her first solo exhibition in Singapore in 2010. She has received acclaim as London Creative International Competition's 'New Talent of Year 2010'.



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Author: Ovidia Yu
Title: The Mudskipper



After writing over thirty plays over the last twenty years, Ovidia Yu wrote her first children's book thanks to the Scholastic Asia Book Award competition organised by Scholastic and NBDCS. The Mudskipper is the result. Her next book (a cozy comic mystery) Aunty Lee's Delights will be out in September.

Ten year old Lizhi arrives in Singapore to meet her father's family after his death. Her grandfather does not want to see her and her aunt Mona who is rude and unwelcoming. Lizhi uncovers secrets in the old house and mangrove swamps, starting with a beautifully carved mudskipper...