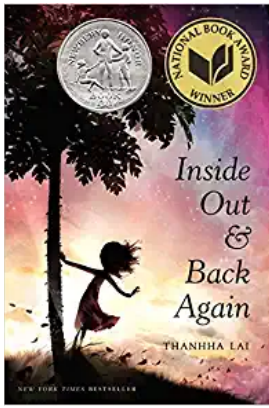


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# Inside Out and Back Again

## by Thanhha Lai



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

### What's It About?

Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration. Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America.

This book is told in poems.

This book was the winner of the National Book Award, a Newbery Honor, and was a #1 New York Times bestseller!

### Who Wrote It?

Thanhha Lai is a Vietnamese-American writer of middle-grade and young adult novels. She lives in upstate New York with her husband and daughter. Her dog Pico assists her by stepping directly onto the keys of her computer as she types. Aside from writing, she started a non-profit organization called Viet Kids Inc. Her goal was, and still is, so simple: to buy bicycles for poor students who otherwise would walk two hours to and two hours from school. With a bike, the trip would shorten to half an hour, leaving energy to spend in the



classrooms. You can learn more about this project and Thanhha's other book on her website: [www.thanhhalai.com/](http://www.thanhhalai.com/)

AR Reading Level: 4.8

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