

AUTHOR FUN FACTS

Born

In Illinois

Currently Lives

In New York with her husband
and their two children

Pets

Dog and hamster

Hobbies

Cooking, watching movies
and baseball, doing the *New
York Times* crossword puzzle
in ink, reading, and writing!

AUTHOR STUDY ACTIVITY

Ask students to celebrate
Asian Heritage Month by
reading a book by Linda Sue
Park and then telling

about a part of the Korean
heritage that they learned
by reading the book.

YEARLING

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CLASSICS

Yearling Author Study

LINDA SUE PARK

Linda Sue Park was born and raised in Illinois. The daughter of Korean immigrants, she has been writing poems and stories since she was 4 years old, and her favorite thing to do as a child was read.

Park was first published when she was nine years old. She was paid one whole dollar for a haiku that ran in a children's magazine. Her father still has the one-dollar check in a frame above his desk.

During elementary school and high school, Park had several more poems published in magazines for children and young people. She studied English at Stanford University and then she took a job as a public-relations writer for a major oil company. This was not exactly the kind of writing she wanted to do, but it did teach her to present her work professionally and that an interested writer can make any subject fascinating.

Somewhere between living in Ireland, England, and the United States; teaching English as a Second Language and working as a food journalist; and starting a family, Park finally realized that what she really wanted to do was to write books for children.

For more information on Linda Sue Park, visit www.lindasuepark.com



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DELVE INTO THE BOOKS!

Have students read their favorite Linda Sue Park book, then discuss the time period each book took place in and how Korea customs were similar or different during that time period as portrayed in that book.

The Kite Fighters

0-440-41813-5

Seesaw Girl

0-440-41672-8

A Single Shard

0-440-41851-8

When My Name Was Keoko

0-440-41944-1