



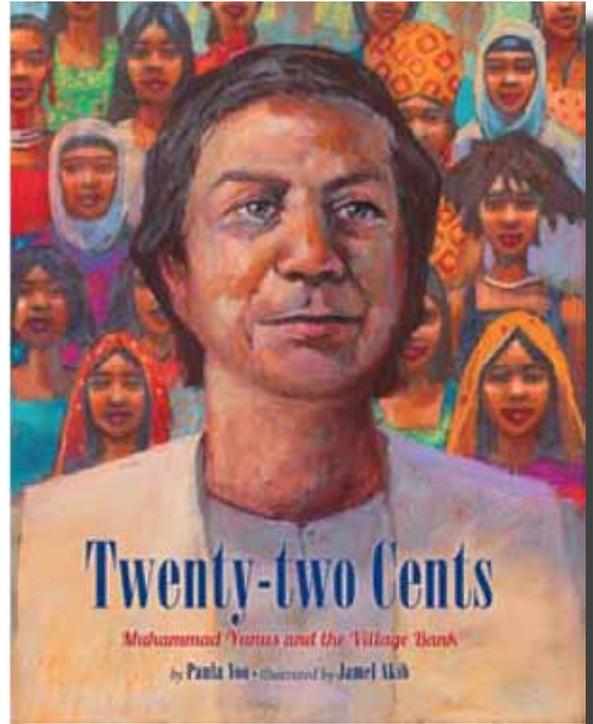
“Twenty-two Cents”

by Paula Yoo

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From a young age, Muhammad Yunus was drawn to helping those in need. As a Boy Scout, he raised money for the poor. As a young man, he studied economics so he could teach people to manage their money. As a university professor in Bangladesh, he moved his classes outside to learn how poor villagers managed to survive. It was there that Yunus met a young craftswoman who needed just twenty-two cents to buy materials and feed her family. Ignored by local banks and in debt to moneylenders, she existed in a cycle of poverty. With a dream of a world in which no one goes hungry, Yunus launched Grameen Bank in 1977. The bank was based on the idea of microcredit, which allows people to borrow very small amounts of money at low interest rates and eventually lift themselves out of poverty. Ever since, Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Banks around the globe have been changing the lives of millions of people for the better. *Twenty-two Cents* is an inspiring story of economic innovation and a celebration of how one visionary person--like one small loan--can make a positive difference in the lives of many.



About the Author

Paula Yoo is a children’s picture book author and novelist. *Twenty-two Cents* was a 2014 Junior Library Guild selection. Her young adult novel *Good Enough* was a 2009 Honor Book of the Youth Literature of the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. Her other books include the IRA Notable non-fiction picture book biographies *Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story* and *Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story*, which also won the 2010 Carter G. Woodson Award from the national Council for the Social Studies. She is also a screenwriter and producer for television shows. Yoo had the opportunity to meet and interview Muhammad Yunus in 2009. Yoo and her husband live in Los Angeles, California.

About the Illustrator

Jamel Akib is the illustrator of several popular picture books, among them *Bringing Asha Home* and *Tan to Tamarink*. A full-time artist of English and Malaysian ancestry, his award-winning work has appeared in numerous museum and gallery shows in England, including several Best of British Illustration exhibitions. Akib lives with his family in Salisbury, England.