



## Chat from Sylvia Chen Book Chat April 2024

- 00:41:04 Kelli Panique: WELCOME TO OUR APRIL BOOK CHAT!!!
- 00:41:25 Elayne Crain: 🎉
- 00:41:32 Shruthi Rao: Hello Sylvia! Hi Julie and Kelli!
- 00:41:46 Judy Cheek: 🎉
- 00:42:34 Kelli Panique: Hey Shruthi! I'm still buzzing from your book chat last month!
- 00:46:12 koala bear: Sylvia's grandfather was a Lt. general during WWII. freedom fighter in China v Japan.
- 00:46:35 Shruthi Rao: Aww thanks Kelli!
- 00:47:32 Elayne Crain: <wild applause!>
- 00:47:50 Kelli Panique: YAY!!
- 00:47:54 Laura Roettiger: 🙌
- 00:48:03 Judy Cheek: 🙌
- 00:48:09 Megan Durkin: claps galore!
- 00:48:12 Maritere Bellas: Lucky us!!
- 00:48:20 Stacy S. Jensen: Excited to see you and have the book!
- 00:48:23 Sheila Lewis: How exciting to be a first reading!
- 00:48:33 Joanna Szeto: 🙌
- 00:48:36 Nickolas Rice: I've been so excited to hear this book. <3
- 00:48:39 Koko: 🙌
- 00:48:40 Stephanie Jones: Congratulations Sylvia!
- 00:49:01 Nickolas Rice: How CUTE!

00:49:13 Kelli Panique: Love these endpapers!

00:49:13 Maritere Bellas: Love them!!

00:49:15 Judy Cheek: Love these end papers

00:53:38 Megan Durkin: Hooray!!

00:53:45 Christina Dankert: Absolutely wonderful!

00:53:46 Shruthi Rao: SO CUTE!!

00:53:47 Liz Godfrey: Great story of perseverance! Love the illustrations! Congrats!

00:53:48 Kelli Panique: So fun!!

00:53:48 Stephanie: Wonderful!

00:53:51 Barbara Senenman: Love this! So much fun and encouraging!

00:53:52 Joyce Riha Linik: What a SWEET story!

00:53:52 Diane O'Neill (she/her): Wonderful story! Thank you!!!

00:53:52 Nicole Frees: Fun, Sweet story

00:53:54 Nickolas Rice: That was wonderful!!!!

00:53:57 Pam: Fun!!

00:53:57 Kanessa Doss: Such a cute story!

00:53:57 Maritere Bellas: Love the story!!!

00:53:59 Elayne Crain: Such a gorgeous (and fun) book, Sylvia!!

00:53:59 Paula Ruffner Obering: Great story -- loved every word!

00:53:59 Clarissa Evans: Wonderful!!

00:54:02 Josie Gawlowski: Amazing!! Go Sylvia!

00:54:05 Judy Cheek: What a great story - heart, humor, it has it all.

00:54:05 Amy Moore: SUPER FUN STORY!

00:54:06 Zoom user: Very cute story. Love the sound affects!

00:54:08 Koko: Such a fun and sweet story!

00:54:11 Carmen Gilbert: How adorable! The illustrations are the best!!

00:54:15 Nancy Klein: Love the language..great alliteration!

00:54:19 cheryl simon: LOVED THIS!!!

00:54:20 Traci Huahn (she/her): So fun to hear your read your book aloud!!

00:54:21 debrown: So good Sylvia!! LOVED it!!

00:54:21 Kristen Olsen: Great story. Lovely back matter and illustrations.

00:54:22 Joanna Szeto: 🙌

00:54:28 Sheila Lewis: totally wonderful - i never learned (though mysids did). Maybe it's never too late.

00:54:32 Lizzie: Awesome!

00:54:35 Lisa Rogers\_Children's Author: Such a fun, heartfelt, and satisfying story!! Congrats!

00:54:35 Judy Sobanski: Such a fun story! I love how Jenny engineered a solution!

00:54:49 Charlotte Offsay: What a great book, I love it!

00:54:55 Pam: 😊😊

00:55:09 Jenna Waldman: I'm going to try that with my boys 🤪

00:55:15 Sheila Lewis: I like that she does it her way - a great metaphor for life and learning

00:55:22 Nadine: Such a fun story!

00:55:28 susan shackelford: 🥰

00:55:59 Joanna Szeto: 👍 nice

00:56:38 Gigi Matlack: Funny challenges both: 4-leaf clover and moving wet marbles!

00:56:45 Megan Durkin: Ha, ha, Julie, my sister sent her boys out to "cut the lawn" with kid's scissors..bought a couple of hours..)

00:59:46 Nickolas Rice: I think the onomatopoeia sections were the coolest parts. Those are super fun.

00:59:49 Kelli Panique: It was an amazing meshing of languages

01:00:08 Kelli Panique: I like that it was chow-llenge!

01:00:31 Nickolas Rice: That's soooo clever Victor <3

01:00:46 Joyce Riha Linik: Yes, chow-llenge was super clever!

01:00:50 Elayne Crain: Love the wordplay!

01:00:53 Gigi Matlack: Chow is perfect indeed. Love the layering you've done!

01:01:02 Kelli Panique: I didn't even pick up on Victor! Love the little details.

01:01:15 Joanna Szeto: very clever.:D

01:01:18 Alison (Nana): Also chow down

01:01:24 koala bear: i thought it was for chow mien

01:01:34 koala bear: chow fun.

01:01:44 koala bear: hi Elayne and Diane

01:01:46 Kelli Panique: Good one, Koala!

01:02:44 Teddie Aggeles: Wonderful book with so many layers and funny.

01:03:21 Karen Bricker: Please tell us about working with your publisher with this book

01:03:28 koala bear: thanks

01:03:56 Beth Stilborn: Karen, could you put that question in the Q&A? It's such a good question.

01:08:08 Koko: What's PB Party?

01:09:57 Kelli Panique: Koala - Here's a link: <https://mindyalyseweiss.com/2024-pbparty-annual-contest/>

01:09:58 Jenna Waldman: <https://mindyalyseweiss.com/2024-pbparty-annual-contest/>

01:10:06 Jenna Waldman: 🙄

01:11:22 Tischa Brown, Lesley Ellis (she, her, hers): What is R & R, please?

01:11:31 Beth Stilborn: Revise and Resubmit

01:11:31 Charlotte Offsay: revise and resubmit

01:11:32 Marzieh: So fun! Sounds like you really enjoyed the R&R

01:12:15 Tischa Brown, Lesley Ellis (she, her, hers): Thank you.

01:12:58 koala bear: kelli- Koko asked not me.

01:13:18 Kelli Panique: Sorry, Koala! I was reading too fast

01:13:35 koala bear: that's only suitable for publisher ready writers. pb party

01:13:43 Koko: Thanks Kelli

01:15:14 nancy a: i like a diff kind of R & R

01:16:03 Marcia Williams: I can't believe it's so sunny where you are Julie. It's pitch black here in Vermont.

01:16:40 koala bear: it's 644 where Julie is. 544 where I am

01:16:42 Marcia Williams: That's a great idea about art notes. They are tricky to figure out.

01:17:48 Farida Zaman: Pitch black in Toronto too!

01:21:27 Kelli Panique: \*mind blown\*

01:21:57 Kristen Olsen: Great

01:22:02 koala bear: i never heard of chopstick etiquette and I am Chinese

01:22:17 Meg Nicholes: I hold chopsticks the same but in my left hand!

01:22:27 koala bear: I picked it up as a toddler

01:22:33 Alison (Nana): I was always a fork person but you just taught me how to do it!! Thank you!

01:22:57 Megan Durkin: What was your motivation? Your son'e wxperience?

01:23:15 Kelli Panique: Great Q, Megan! Can you add that to the Q&A? Thanks!

01:24:18 debrown: YEAH DIM SUM! Dundas and Spadina!! That's how/where I learned to use chopsticks!

01:25:12 koala bear: ur wrong Julie. some parents still do it

01:25:13 Teddie Aggeles: I'm so glad to have heard you read your book. That was a real treat. Thank you.

01:26:02 Paula Ruffner Obering: Yay!!

01:26:08 Elayne Crain: Woot-woot!

01:26:15 Marcia Williams: Congratulations!

01:26:16 Traci Huahn (she/her): Woo hoo! Congrats, Sylvia!

01:26:23 Heidi Yates: Congratulations!

01:26:23 koala bear: pediatricians were criticizing it on news

01:26:26 Penny McNally: So exciting! Congratulations!!

01:26:32 Carmen Gilbert:Yahoo! What great news!!

01:26:47 Liz Godfrey: Fantastic, Sylvia! Congrats!

01:26:53 Marty Lapointe-Malchik: Congratulations Sylvia!!! Awesome!

01:26:59 Sheila Lewis: we are excited too! can't wait to try chopstick learning again.

01:27:34 susan shackelford: you just made this REAL! 🥳

01:27:58 Carmen Gilbert:Thanks for the advice regarding Back Matter!

01:28:22 Meg Nicholes: Suggested back matter is a nice way to submit. Thanks!

01:28:25 Judy Cheek: Great advise regarding Back Matter.

01:28:38 Megan Durkin: OMG, perfect book for school visits!

01:28:39 Marty Lapointe-Malchik: I love the 'suggested back matter' qualifier. I'll do that from now on.

01:28:43 Debi Novotny: Congratulations on all of your success!

01:29:27 karen gardner: It will delight kids, no doubt!

01:29:27 Carmen Gilbert: The kids are going to love you at your school visit!!

01:29:41 Marty Lapointe-Malchik: Nerves are always a good sign that you'll be fabulous at that school visit.

01:29:41 Stacy S. Jensen: I agree the kids will love it and you'll do great!

01:29:42 Maureen Egan: Look forward to seeing all of your books over the years!

01:31:59 Paula Ruffner Obering: I have to drop, but thank you so much for sharing your story and the story behind the story with us!!! Wishing you much continued success!

01:32:02 koala bear: I think decent match with agent works

01:32:33 Jill Wallenstein: Goes to show that it doesn't happen overnight, but it's so worth sticking with it!

01:33:08 Marty Lapointe-Malchik: That's a great story of getting the gold membership unexpectedly when you first put your name in! Then did that first gold member year result in landing an agent?

01:34:26 Christina Dankert: And the Run DMC rap with tricky chopsticks!

01:35:50 Joyce Riha Linik: Thank you for sharing your wonderful new picture book and your journey with us!

01:36:17 Lisa: Thanks everyone.

01:37:06 Judy Cheek: I LOVE Tricky Chopsticks, and kids will too. Thank you, Sylvia, for sharing it with us and for giving us encouragement and valuable tips for our own writing journeys.

01:37:40 Carmen Gilbert: What a great conversation with Sylvia! Thanks so much Silvia, Julie and Kelli. This was a fun learning experience. Good night! Until next time...

01:38:21 Kelli Panique: Don't ever stop! It's so fun!

01:38:36 Meg Nicholes: Thank-you both. This was delightful!

01:39:11 Sheila Lewis: This is so fun - from the smile of your journey and wonderful writing

01:39:12 Susan Weaver Jones: Thank you!

01:39:14 Heidi Yates: Thank you!

01:39:15 Rhonda Brown: Thank you

01:39:18 Jane Healy: Congrats, Sylvia ! Thanks, Julie & Kellie!

01:39:18 Barbara Senenman: This was a lot of fun. Thank you. Looking forward to reading it.

01:39:18 Stacy S. Jensen: Thank you! Love the book and look forward to the next one too!

01:39:19 Elayne Crain: So fabulous! Thank you for all you shared, Sylvia! And thank you to Julie and Kelli for organizing!

01:39:19 Jill Wallenstein: Thanks ladies!

01:39:20 Alison (Nana): Thank you sooo much!!

01:39:22 Tracey Kiff-Judson: Thank you!

01:39:23 Melissa Morgenlander: this was so great. Thanks!

01:39:26 Megan Durkin: Thank you, Sylvia, Julie and Kelli! Wonderful!!!

01:39:26 Marty Lapointe-Malchik: Thank you, Sylvia! Thank you for all that you do for the community

01:39:27 susan shackelford: Thank you for this energized hour. I only wish it had happened in the morning

01:39:27 Beth Stilborn: Thank you so much! That was fun!

01:39:27 Christina Dankert: Thank you!

01:39:27 Abby: Thank you! This was great!

01:39:28 Penny McNally: Thank you, Sylvia! I love Tricky Chopsticks!

01:39:28 Nickolas Rice: thank you so much!!!

01:39:28 Lisa Dunlop: Thank you! Best wishes for your school visit!