Join award-winning children's author and illustrator **Grace Lin** for a community event with unique programming for adults and for children.

**GRACE LIN**

Monday, March 7th, 5 - 7PM

Oyster River Middle School
1 Coe Dr., Durham – enter cafeteria from lower parking lot

- 5:00-5:30pm – Chinese Buffet Dinner and Introduction
- 5:30-6:00pm – "Are Your Books Real?" with draw-along (for grades 1-3)
- 6:00-6:50pm – "Path of a Multicultural Author" (for adults & teens). Grace shares her path to becoming a children's book creator and her embracing of the adjective "multicultural." Using Grace's personal experiences, gain understanding about her books and the value of books that portray many cultures. Includes a reading of an excerpt from *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and Q&A. **Childcare with Chinese cultural activities is provided during this time.**

**FREE EVENT. PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH** at [http://orcsdcp.weebly.com](http://orcsdcp.weebly.com) so that we can plan for dinner and childcare. Sponsored by the Oyster River Chinese Program, an afterschool Chinese program for Oyster River elementary students in partnership with UNH's Confucius Institute and ORCSD, with support from Mei Wei restaurant. For more information, visit [http://orcsdcp.weebly.com](http://orcsdcp.weebly.com) or email Yusi Turell at yusiwang@gmail.com.
Grace Lin grew up in Upstate New York with her parents and two sisters. While the other sisters became scientists, Grace became an artist. Surprisingly enough, being an artist was not Grace's first choice. She first dreamed of being a champion ice skater, and drew many pictures of herself twirling and dancing on the ice. Unfortunately, Grace had neither the talent nor coordination to make it to skating stardom. However, the pictures she drew of herself held much promise and quickly became Grace's career focus.

After attending the Rhode Island School of Design, Grace quickly set out to achieve her dream of creating children's books. Her first book, THE UGLY VEGETABLES, was published in 1999 and was quickly heralded. As well as being an American Booksellers Association's "Pick of the List" and a Bank's Street College Best Books of the Year, THE UGLY VEGETABLES was nominated for the California Young Reader Children's Choice Award and named a Growing Good Kids Book Award CLASSIC.

Grace followed that success with the publication of over a dozen more books, including DIM SUM FOR EVERYONE! and LISSY'S FRIENDS. Grace's first children's novel, THE YEAR OF THE DOG was released to glowing praise in 2006 and nominated to the TX Bluebonnet list, which she followed with THE YEAR OF THE RAT. Her most recent novel WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON was awarded the 2010 Newbery Honor, chosen for Al Roker's Today Show Kid's Book Club and was a NY Times Bestseller. Grace’s early reader LING & TING was awarded with the Theodor Geisel Honor in 2011. Grace, herself, has been honored by the Boston Public Library with the Literary Lights for Children Award and was an Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award nominee for the United States.

Grace lives in Florence, MA with her husband, Alex. Please visit her website: www.gracelin.com for more info!