

Tutu Dutta-Yean



Q: What were you like at school?

A: I was soft-spoken but quite popular at school.

Q: What did you want to be when you were a child?

A: I had no clear idea about what I wanted to be as a child.

Q: Which three words describe you best?

A: accomodating, well-read and tenacious

Q: What is your favourite word?

A: serendipity

Q: What is your most treasured possession?

A: My books

Q: What do you do as a hobby?

A: Travel and collecting children's books and dolls

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: Nasi Lemak (literal translation from Malay is 'fatty rice!')

Q: Do you feel younger or older than your current age?

A: Younger

Q: If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would it be?

A: Agatha Christie

Q: What is the most interesting place you have ever visited?

A: Arungabad, India

Q: What has life taught you?

A: Have confidence in yourself and work hard to achieve your dreams

Q: How long have you been a writer?

A: Over seven years

Q: Was there a specific moment in your life when you decide to become a writer?

A: Yes, when I attended a talk by another children's book writer seven years ago in New York.

Q: Where do you do your writing?

A: On a desktop at home.

Q: What are the best and worst things about being an author?

A: The best thing is being published and having people tell you how much they enjoyed your book. The worst thing is having your manuscript rejected and the eye strain & backache from writing long hours!

Q: What was your favourite book as a child?

A: 'The Ugly Duckling' because I identified with the character as a child.

Q: What makes you cringe?

A: Public display of bad manners by people I know.

Q: What profession other than yours would you like to attempt?

A: Archeology

Q: What is the best advice anyone has ever given you?

A: I read this somewhere - If your own work can't keep you awake at night who else will stay awake to read it?

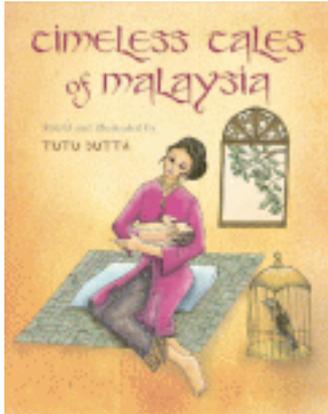
Q: Where do you get your greatest ideas from?

A: From very old books, legends and folktales

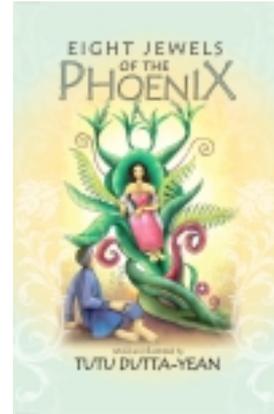
Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?

A: First of all be sure that you really want to be an author. Then self-edit/revise at least a dozen times before making a submission. If your own work can't keep you awake at night who else will stay awake to read it?

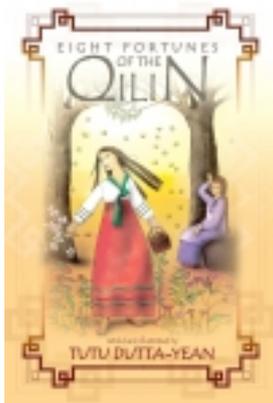
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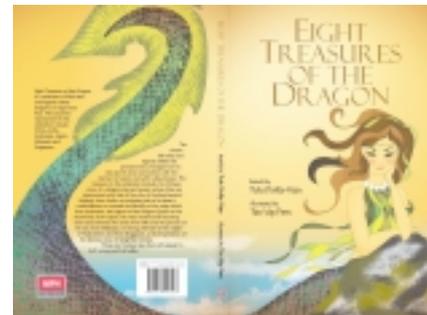
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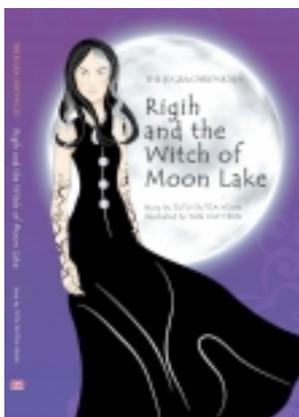
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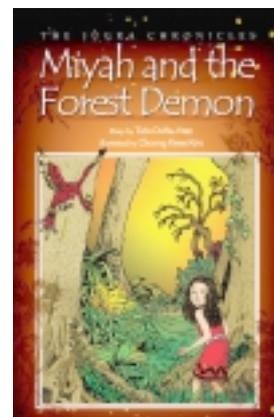
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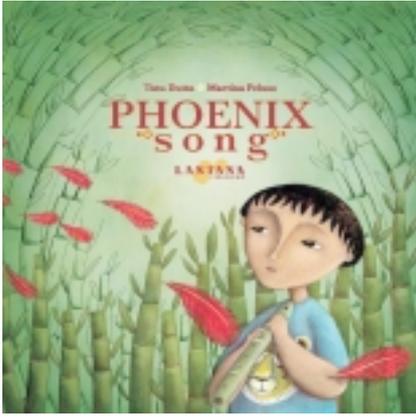
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