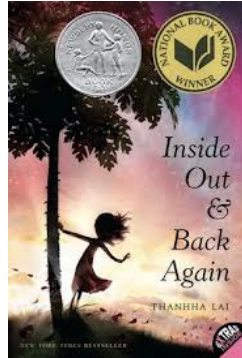


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**Name : Inside out and Back Again**

**Author : Thanhha Lai**

**Publisher : Harpercollins Publishers**

### Summary :

The author is a Vietnamese. When the author was young, the Vietnam War raged across her homeland. The author escaped to America. When she was in the US, she faced a lot of difficulties. She was afraid of communicating with people because of linguistic problems and poor communication skills. She felt sad when she was at school. Misunderstanding and discrimination became a huge barrier which separated LAI from her schoolmates. She had a hard life in the US. She was homesick. She missed her homeland - Papaya trees, friends and a lot of vivid memories in Vietnam. Nevertheless, she overcame her tough time and published this book.

### Why I recommend this book to you ?

If she had stayed in Vietnam, she would have had to endure the spread of diseases and food shortage. Although she chose a safer life in the US, she had to face even greater challenges. Finally, she was capable of overcoming them. We should learn from her. I admire the fact that the writer used her second language – English to write this book.

Some students may think “This is such a thick book with words packed closely together It will be a daunting task to read it.” In fact, this book is written in the form of a poem. The uses of words are not very difficult. It is easy to read and you can feel the beauty of language. This fantastic book is definitely worth reading.

[“Inside out and back again” is now available in the school library.](#)