



### **Library to Virtually Host Authors Charles Yu and Hoa Nguyen**

**Cambridge, MA, May 12, 2021** -- Cambridge Public Library is pleased to announce that Charles Yu, author of *Interior Chinatown*, and Hoa Nguyen, author of the poetry collection, *A Thousand Times You Lose Your Treasure*, will be hosted by the Library in May to celebrate Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Both events are co-sponsored by the Office of Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui and City Manager Louis A. DePasquale.

On Tuesday, May 18, at 6 p.m., Charles Yu presents *Interior Chinatown* (Pantheon, 2020) in conversation with Harvard English Professor Ju Yon Kim, author of *The Racial Mundane: Asian American Performance and the Embodied Everyday* (NYU Press, 2015). Charles Yu is the author of four books, including *Interior Chinatown*, winner of the 2020 National Book Award. He has been nominated for two Writers Guild of America Awards for his work on the HBO series, *Westworld*. He has also written for shows on FX, AMC, and HBO. His fiction and nonfiction have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Wired*, among other publications. [Registration is required to participate in this event.](#)

On Wednesday, May 26, at 6 p.m., Hoa Nguyen presents *A Thousand Times You Lose Your Treasure* (Wave Books, 2021). Hoa Nguyen is the author of several books of poetry, including *As Long As Trees Last*, *Red Juice*, and *Violet Energy Ingots*, which received a 2017 Griffin Prize nomination. Recipient of a 2019 Pushcart Prize and a 2020 Neustadt International Prize for Literature nomination, Nguyen's latest book of poems, *A Thousand Times You Lose Your Treasure*, is a poetic meditation on historical, personal, and cultural pressures pre- and post-“Fall-of-Saigon” with verse biography on the poet's mother, Diệp Anh Nguyễn, a stunt motorcyclist in an all-women Vietnamese circus troupe. Multilayered, plaintive, and provocative, these poems are alive with archive and inhabit histories. Nguyen was born in the Mekong Delta and raised and educated in the United States. [Registration is required to participate in this event.](#)

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