

THI BUI

“...the most devastating simplicity comes in the form of Bui’s prose.”
—*Vulture*

Thi Bui is a Vietnamese American cartoonist and author of the critically acclaimed illustrated memoir, *The Best We Could Do*. Her work seeks to make sense of the stories that history leaves behind.

Thi’s debut graphic memoir, *The Best We Could Do*, is the story of her family in the years before, during, and after the Vietnam War. It was selected for an American Book Award, a Common Book for UCLA and other colleges and universities, a National Book Critics Circle finalist, and was an Eisner Award finalist. Her memoir was included in Bill Gates’ Top 5 Books of 2017, and was called, “A book to break your heart and heal it,” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Viet Thanh Nguyen.

A veteran illustrator, Thi’s short comics can be found online at The Nib, PEN America, and BOOM California. She is a contributor to *Refugees Anthology*, published by Abrams Press, and illustrated *A Different Pond*, a 2018 Caldecott Honor Book, with writer Bao Phi. With her son, Hien, she co-illustrated the children’s book, *Chicken of the Sea* written by Viet Thanh Nguyen and his son, Ellison.

Thi is currently researching and drawing a work of graphic nonfiction about immigrant detention and deportation, to be published by One World, Random House.