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The first mainstream book by a Hmong writer in the United States, Kao Kalia Yang’s story begins in the 1970s with her parents’ wedding during the aftermath of America’s Secret War in Laos. In this time of great terror, Yang recounts the harrowing story of her family’s captivity by Laotian soldiers, the daring rescue undertaken by her father and uncles, and their narrow escape into Thailand, where Yang was born in Ban Vinai Refugee Camp. Just six years old when her family immigrated to America, she evocatively captures the challenges of adapting to a new place, a new language, and a growing family. Filled with photographs documenting her family’s journey, Yang’s memoir speaks eloquently to the history we all share, while relating the stories of a culture few of us know.

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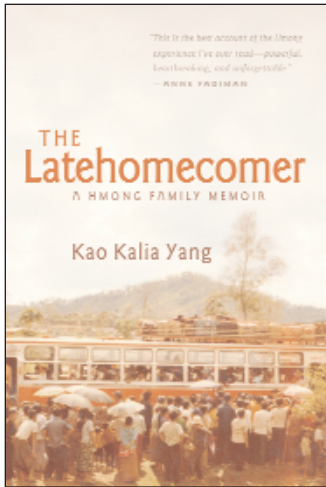
“[Yang will] be the first Hmong female author . . . finally putting Hmong stories on the shelves alongside stories from the rest of the world.”—HMONG TODAY

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in 1980, Kao Kalia Yang is the co-founder of Words Wanted, an agency dedicated to helping immigrants with writing, translating, and business services. A graduate of Carleton College and Columbia University, Yang has recently released *The Place Where We Were Born*, a film documenting the experiences of Hmong American refugees.

- Visit her web site at www.kaokaliayang.com.
- View the Book Trailer at www.youtube.com/user/johnobrienvideo.

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