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## BOOK RESUME: THE NAME JAR

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids won't like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week.

Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning.

On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—Yoon-Hey.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Unhei's reflection and inner strength are noteworthy; cultural details freshen the story, and Choi's gleaming, expressive paintings are always a treasure." —*The New York Times*

"Choi draws from her own experience, interweaving several issues into this touching account and delicately addressing the challenges of assimilation." —*Kirkus Reviews*

### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- WINNER 2003 - Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Master List
- NOMINEE 2005 - Arizona Young Readers Award

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