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Chapter 15: Independent Authors and Bookstores

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Chapter 15 Guests



Chanda Austin

Chanda Austin is a native of Tuscaloosa, AL and currently resides in Atlanta, GA. She has been an educator for over twenty years serving in several different capacities in public education. Chanda currently serves as a board member for Read4Unity. Read4Unity is a non-profit organization whose aim is to bridge diverse narratives by collecting and distributing diverse literature throughout the community. Chanda is a mother of an amazing, talented teenage girl. She is passionate about people and learning. In her spare time, she enjoys dining at locally owned eateries, listening to live music, and spending time with her family and friends. Chanda is the self-published author of *Qiana's Braids*. *Qiana's Braids* was inspired by the lack of representation of Black girls and their hair stories in children's literature.



Julie Thao

Julie Thao is the owner of HmongBaby, an online store that provides books and flashcards in Hmong. She uses her creativity and imagination to create flashcards, children's songs and learning videos to teach Hmong language to children. She is the author of HmongBaby's newest book, *Mivnyuas Plaas (Little Owl)*, a children's board book set to be released this summer. She lives in St. Paul with her husband and five children, where you can find her taking long walks around the neighborhood, or in summer, hidden in her veggie garden busy tending melons, beans, zucchinis and pumpkins.

Julie is reading: [Quiet](#) by Susan Cain

Chapter 15 Resources

Guest Links + Additional Resources

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