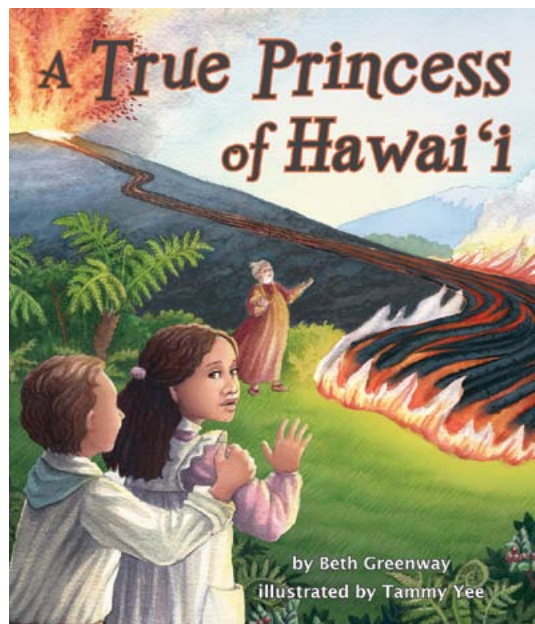




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A Princess, A Volcano, and A Little Kindness

Author Beth Greenway releases new picture book featuring Hawaiian history.

In 1881 Princess Luka visited Hilo, Hawai'i to save the town from Mauna Loa's looming lava flow. Beth Greenway's new picture book *A True Princess of Hawai'i* blends this historical event into a story of how kindness and generosity are an important part of being a princess.

The book opens on the morning of Princess Luka's arrival to the small town, where she will appeal to the goddess Pele to stop the lava. Nani dresses in her finest clothes and heads out to join her friend Keoki at the pier to greet the princess. Along the way Nani shares her candy with an old woman, helps the princess by feeding her carriage horse, and gives a piece of her petticoat to the princess. After Princess Luka has saved the town, she reflects on the day and learns that being a princess is not about fancy clothes, it is about helping others.

Author Beth Greenway began writing stories when she lived in the Hawaiian Islands. The rich culture inspired her to write this story about Princess Luka, who cared deeply for the islands. Illustrator Tammy Yee's rich watercolors complement the story and bring out the brilliance of the islands. Growing up in Hawaii, Tammy once lived above Hilo on the spot where the lava once ran.

After the story, young readers are able to learn more about the science and history introduced in the story. A "For Creative Minds" section includes activities that introduce the science behind a volcanic eruption, and a profile of Princess Luka.

A True Princess of Hawai'i debuts in bookstores on February 10th from Arbordale Publishing. The story is available in hardcover (9781628559484, \$17.95), paperback (9781628559491, \$9.95), and ebook (9781628559514, \$6.95). A Spanish language edition, *Una verdadera Princesa de Hawái*, is available in paperback (9781628559507, \$9.95) and ebook (9781628559521, \$6.95).



Beth Greenway lived in Hawai'i for many years and raised her three hula-dancing daughters there. She studied anthropology in college and started writing during her time in Hawai'i. Beth is the author of *A Lei for Everyday*, *Waikiki Lullaby*, *Hawai'i's Foodtrucks on the Go*, *The Twelve Days of Hula*, and *Hawaiian Ocean Lullaby*. Beth now lives in Mississippi with her husband, cats, and the three family dogs. Visit her website at bethsbooks.livejournal.com.



Tammy Yee grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she explored tide pools, swam in streams, and wrote and illustrated spooky stories. After college, she worked as a pediatric registered nurse. Having children rekindled her love for picture books, so in 1994 she exchanged her stethoscope for a paintbrush and has been illustrating ever since. Tammy has worked on more than thirty books. Tammy lives in Oahu with her family. Visit her website at www.tammyyee.com.