

Official Hands-on-Prints Press Release for *A Persistent Vine*

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New children's stories for the 21st century: Guiding children to reflect more deeply on the timely issues of ecology through engaging fiction

Children's book publisher, Hands-on-Prints, has just released the first installment to an innovative and timely series titled "The Botanical Tales." Written in the form of a traditional tale and lavishly illustrated by watercolor artist, Hsiao-Yen Chi, *A Persistent Vine* is a beguiling story about man's relation to the plant world. It is also a story about invasive species and the fine line between a weed and a botanical treasure. Set in the exquisite culture of Japan's Heian period (a medieval haven for the lover of beauty in both nature and man-made objects), *A Persistent Vine* explores a couple's poignant attempt to preserve and nurture rare species in the face of the steady and surreptitious encroachment of local morning glory vines.

A Persistent Vine won the 2013 Silver Moonbeam Award for the category 'Picture Book – All Ages': <http://www.independentpublisher.com/article.php?page=1704>

About the Authors:

Han Tran has a doctorate in Classics from UC Berkeley and is currently a lecturer at the University of Miami at Coral Gables. Her area of expertise is in classical and world myth, as well as ancient religions. She has also previously taught at The Ohio State University and the University of Oregon. A deep interest in distilling knowledge and making it accessible to a young audience has led her to collaborate with Montessori school director, **Christinia Cheung**. Ms. Cheung directs a Bay Area bilingual school educating children from 3 months of age to 18 years, where she has seen first-hand a vital need for books that both treat subjects in greater depth but that are also designed with the aim of leading children to become more reflective and more aware – of the world, of the past, and of others. The collaboration between Dr. Tran and Ms. Cheung reflects a belief in the power of storytelling as a way of engaging the mind while encouraging thoughtfulness and personal responsibility.

A PERSISTENT VINE

by Han Tran and Christinia Cheung

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