

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Making Surf Soup A Chinese American Story Children's Book Author/Illustrator & TV Animator**

### **Surf Soup TV Author Launches Memoir in Honor of AAPI Heritage Month**

Donna Kay Lau, award-winning author and Emmy-honored TV animator, is set to release their memoir, *Making Surf Soup*, just in time for AAPI Heritage Month. The memoir offers a deeply personal and inspiring account of their journey as an Asian American in the creative industries, celebrating the cultural richness, challenges, and triumphs that shaped both their professional success and personal identity.

#### **A Story of Resilience and Cultural Pride**

In *Making Surf Soup*, Donna Kay Lau takes readers on an unforgettable ride through their life, tracing their roots from their childhood to becoming a pioneering figure in animation, writing, and illustration. The memoir weaves together stories of growing up within a vibrant Asian American community, confronting societal expectations, and breaking barriers in an industry that often overlooks diverse voices.

Through a unique blend of humor, heart, and passion, the memoir explores key moments that led to the creation of the *Surf Soup* book series, a beloved collection of children's adventure stories that has captivated young readers around the world. The memoir is an intimate look into the creative processes behind the series and the lessons learned through personal and professional milestones.

Timed for AAPI Heritage Month

Launching during AAPI Heritage Month, this memoir amplifies the importance of representation in the arts and offers an empowering message for the next generation of creators. As part of this celebration, Donna Kay Lau, hopes to inspire others from underrepresented communities to embrace their heritage, pursue their passions, and share their unique voices with the world.

"I wanted to share my story to honor the resilience of the AAPI community," said Donna Kay Lau. My journey has been full of challenges, but through perseverance, I found my voice. This memoir is for anyone who has felt unseen or unheard, especially those from AAPI backgrounds. Your story matters, and it's worth sharing."

### About the Author

Donna Kay Lau is an Emmy-honored TV animator, author, and illustrator with over 25 years of experience in the creative industry. She helped produce: Dora the Explorer, Oswald the Octopus, Catdog, Generator Rex, Ben 10 (crossover), and Regular Show, at Nick Jr/Nickelodeon Animation and Cartoon Network she is for her vibrant storytelling and commitment to inclusive narratives, Donna Kay Lau is the creator of the Surf Soup book series, and Surf Soup TV cartoon, which has touched the lives of children and families around the globe. With an extensive portfolio spanning animation and literature, Donna Kay Lau continues to pave the way for greater representation in the arts.

### Pre-order and Availability

Making Surf Soup will be available for April, 2025 and will officially launch on May 2025 The memoir will be available

in print and e-book formats on major platforms, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and your favorite book stores.

To learn more about the memoir or to stay updated with Donna Kay Lau's upcoming projects, please visit <https://Surfsoup.tv> or follow @surfsoup



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