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#### About the Author

Armed with a graduate degree from the Iowa Writer's Workshop, JAMES SULLIVAN headed to Vietnam in 1993 to bike across the country. Along the way, he learned the language, became entranced with Vietnam's history and culture, and met his future wife. He lived in her hometown, Hue, for a year and told the story in his novel, *Over the Moat: Love Among the Ruins of Imperial Vietnam*, published in 2004. He has returned to Vietnam many times since, and he is currently living in Hue with his wife and two children, where they are refurbishing an ancient house. His travel stories have appeared in *National Geographic Traveler*, the *New York Times*, *Golf Digest*, *Bicycling*, *Golf & Travel*, and two Scholastic publications.

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