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I'm a magical realist artist and writer on California's Central Coast. I use traditional and graphic media individually and in combination to subvert the "dreadful normal" in contemporary culture. My work challenges social assumptions of what is considered "real" yet normalizes inequality. My art and writing pose the question, "If social dysfunction is the norm, do you still want to be considered 'normal' in it?"

The Dadaist and Surrealist artists and writers reacted to the horrors of war, explored the subconscious, rejected capitalist notions of normalcy and in turn greatly influence my own work. Beyond creating merely fantastical imagery I favor *storytelling* that draws on myths, archetypes, dreams, altered states and life.

As an Asian immigrant of seven decades in the American experience, my art prompts viewers to recall their own life stories of trauma and transcendence, failure and redemption, loss and recovery. Friedrich Schiller stated that artists can subvert the banality of social culture through its entertainment. My artwork might even entertain you, even as it subverts your sense of normal.