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Room to Read seeks to transform the lives of millions of children in developing countries by focusing on literacy and gender equality in education. Working in collaboration with local communities, partner organizations and governments, we develop literacy skills and a habit of reading among primary school children and support girls to complete secondary school with the relevant life skills to succeed in school and beyond.

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May has never seen the ocean. She lives in a mountainous village miles away from the sea. When her teacher tells her class about the village he grew up in near the ocean, she has many questions for him. How big is the ocean? What does it look like? Who lives there? Read along as May discovers all about the ocean.



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Đỗ Giáp Nhất has worked in the children's book industry for several years, illustrating for leading children's book publishers. His illustrations have won awards in Belgium, France, and Denmark. In 2012 his artwork on *Where is the Sea?* won second prize in a contest held by Room to Read.

Illustrator: **Lê Thị Mai Phương**



Lê Thị Mai Phương is an acclaimed children's book author, recently winning first prize in a competition for writers held by Room to Read. But more than awards, Mai Phương values the smiles she sees on children's faces when they read her stories.



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