

MEMBER PROFILE

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WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?

I am inspired by stories of ordinary people whose optimism and can-do attitude allow them to prevail over significant obstacles in their lives. The success stories of immigrants in the United States, as well as in other countries, resonate deeply with me.

WORDS TO LIVE BY?

"The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting."
Milan Kundera, *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

I'd like to be omnilingual, so I could read works of literature in their original languages and have meaningful conversations no matter where I travel.

A SKILL YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN?

How to put together anything from IKEA!

IF YOU COULD LIVE IN A BOOK OR MOVIE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I wouldn't mind stepping into the shoes of any number of the dramatis personae of the Japanese movie *Tampopo*. It's a cinematic world populated by food-obsessed characters, and I would love to join in their quest for the perfect ramen.