# KINDNESS ALWAYS COUNTS

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Olive Tran Series 1

## **Every Little Bit Olive Tran**

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#### Phuong Truong

front of me. The same birthday breakfast I've requested every year for as long as I can remember. Perfect.

"Happy birthday, sweetheart!" she says and kisses the top of my head.

"Happy birthday, Con," says Grandma. She gives me a squeeze and slides a red envelope in front of me. I wiggle in excitement and open the

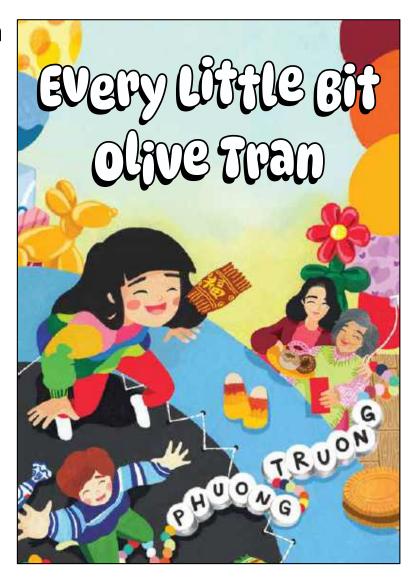
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I've got a date with a certain convenience store after school, and this is definitely going to come in handy. Ben, who's not a morning person, cracks

Ben, who's not a morning person, cracks a giant yawn as he sits down at the table. 
"Happy birthday. Here," he grunts and hands me a card. He perks up a little when Mom places his breakfast in front of him.

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## **Description:**

Olive Tran is turning ten! Now she can walk to school by herself and go to Kandy Korner whenever she wants. Finally!

But when Olive finds out Mrs. Ly was pushed on the street and her brother's school friends had gross things thrown at them because they're Asian, she starts to feel less safe. And why doesn't her best friend Josh want to come to her birthday party at the trampoline park anymore?

Olive knows something is wrong, but she is determined to have fun at her party. If she shows kindness, maybe others will too. Every little bit counts!

### **Sales Points**

- Author Phuong Truong took the idea for the series from her debut picture book *Everyone is Welcome*. It dealt with Anti-Asian racism and was a Bookstagram Picture Book Awards winner.
- A multi-generation story, Olive turns to her family for support: listening to her mother and brother's stories of racism and her Bà Nôi's (grandma's) journey from Vietnam as a refugee.

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