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Asian American Pacific Islander Booklist

2021 Edition



Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Arranged by Age
Published from 2015 to early 2021

May 2021



Background

A month ago, we formed a subcommittee to produce a short list of recommended books, from our Best Books List archives, centered on AAPI characters, authors, and illustrators. This was in direct response to spikes in unprovoked anti-Asian violence in the past year. That process sparked many debates over which ones to include.

After that experience, the subcommittee returned to our archives for a closer inspection. We wanted to create a larger resource for readers from infancy to age 18. We also wanted to be able to deliver it within a reasonable timeframe, so here is how we created the list you see below.

Methodology

1. First, we combed our recent Best Books list (BBL) archives for books that we have recommended, from our most recently published list (2020) back to the 2016 edition (meaning, books published from 2015 to 2019). What were we looking for? What did we feel most compelled to highlight, right now?
 - Stories we had loved, that focused on characters either from or with roots in eastern and southern Asia and the Pacific Islands. Our thinking was to feature groups who have, in the past year, been the most likely to be targeted in hate crimes.
 - Authors and illustrators who are either from or have roots in those areas. We have found that heritage, culture, philosophy, aesthetics, and/or religion have a way of shining through, even in works that may not, on the surface, strike an outside observer as being particularly linked to an author or illustrator's heritage. While we emphasized #ownvoices creators, we also welcomed other respectful voices.
2. We included any books from the original, smaller list, that were published prior to 2015, just to make sure that, if someone consulted the larger list but not the original, they'd still see these stellar titles.
3. We are weeks away from publishing our 2021 BBL that features books published in 2020, so we added any relevant titles from that to our Asian-centered list.

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4. Finally, there are some books that have been published in 2021 that we've found pertinent and compelling, so those went in, too.

We hope that this will provide you with a rich variety of interesting, inspiring, and beautifully-illustrated books to pick from, either to start with or to add to your own favorite AAPI-centered book collections.

Sincerely,

The AAPI Subcommittee of the Bank Street Children's Book Committee

UNDER FIVE

FICTION

Be a Friend

written and illustrated by Salina Yoon
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$17.99)
2016 978-1-61963-951-5

Dennis communicates only in mime, and other children ignore him, until one day someone catches his imaginary ball. Simple digitally colored pencil illustrations. (3-6)

Bee-bim Bop!

written by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Ho Baek Lee
(Clarion) 2005 0-618-26511-2

A young girl helps her mom prepare her favorite Korean dish. Rhymed text and humorous watercolors. (4-6)

Black Cat, Yellow Bunny

written and illustrated by Wook Jin Jung
(Reycraft Books, \$17.95) 2019
978-1-4788-6816-3

In this nearly wordless book, a chance encounter changes two lives. Mixed-media illustrations in a graphic format. (5-6)

Bus! Stop!

written and illustrated by James Yang
(Viking/PRH, \$17.99) 2018
978-0-425-28877-1

A young rider's misfortune turns out to be an imaginative and delightful experience. Fanciful digital illustrations. (2-4)

Bye Penguin

written and illustrated by Seou Lee
(Levine Querido, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-64614-021-3

Stranded, Penguin travels the world on a shrinking ice floe, only to return on a surfboard. Wordless. Digital illustrations show world sights like the Statue of Liberty. (4-6)

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The Class

by Boni Ashburn, illustrated by Kimberly Gee
(Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 2016 978-1-4424-2248-3
Twenty children prepare for their first day of kindergarten, each in his or her own way. Whimsical digitally colored pencil illustrations. (4–6)

Danbi Leads the School Parade

written and illustrated by Anna Kim
(Viking BFYR, \$17.99) 2020
978-0-451-47889-4
New to America from Korea, Danbi bravely goes to school, but no one plays with her until a magical moment at lunchtime. Soft, colorful illustrations. (4-7)

Dandelion's Dream

written and illustrated by Yoko Tanaka
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2020
978-1-5362-0453-7
Digitally colored charcoal illustrations depict the ethereal adventures of a flower transformed into a yellow-maned dandelion before it goes to seed. (4-6)

Duck, Duck, Porcupine!

written and illustrated by Salina Yoon
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$9.99) 2016
978-1-61963-723-8
Three humorous adventures demonstrate that silent Little Duck has common sense, unlike his bossy older sibling. Bold, colorful, digital cartoon illustrations. (3–6)

***Eyes That Kiss in the Corners**

written by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho
(Harper Collins/Harper, \$17.99) 2021
978-0-06-291562-1
An Asian American girl celebrates the shape of her eyes that connect her to her family and her heritage. Boldly colored Asian-inspired digital illustrations (5-8)

Farmer Falgu Goes to the Kumbh Mela

written by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Kanika Nair
(Karadi Tales, \$12.95) 2018
978-81-8190-355-6
A farmer in India ventures to a large festival where he never seems to get what he wants. Deeply colored digital illustrations. Back matter. (4-6)

Farmer Falgu Goes to the Market

written by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Kanika Nair
(Karadi Tales, \$12.95) 2018
978-81-8190-312-9
Falgu attempts to reach the market with his produce and eggs intact, but the trip goes terribly wrong. He salvages the day with a brilliant solution. Vibrant, simple illustrations. (4-6)

Festival of Colors

written by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal, illustrated by Vashti Harrison
(Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 2018 978-1-4814-2049-5
Chintoo and Mintoo prepare for the Indian Festival of Holi, a celebration of color and community. Vibrant illustrations. (3-6)

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***Finders Keepers**

written and illustrated by Keiko Kasza
(G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin, \$16.99) 2015
978-0-399-16898-7

A "found" hat, taking on different properties depending on the finder, makes its way back to its original owner. Large colored-pencil illustrations. (3–5)

The Fun Book of Scary Stuff

by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Hyewon Yum
(Frances Foster Books/Farrar Straus Giroux
BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 2015
978-0-374-30000-5

A boy and his two dogs confront frightening things. Expressive watercolors. (4–6)

Hazel and Twig: The Birthday Fortune

written and illustrated by Brenna Burns Yu
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 2018
978-0-7636-8970-4

Older sister Hazel is looking forward to younger sister Twig's first birthday and the Korean customs their family celebrates. Full-page ink and watercolor illustrations. (4-6)

I Am a Bird

written by Hope Lim, illustrated by Hyewon Yum
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2021
978-1-5362-0891-7

A young child is initially frightened by a cross-looking woman until she learns that they both love to sing to birds. Sunny, soft, textured art. (3-6)

I Love Snow!

by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Purple Wong
(Rosetta Press, P \$10.00) 2015
978-1-514-34847-5

It's great to play in new snow, but sometimes when there's too much of it or it's melting, snow just isn't fun anymore. Colorful wintry illustrations. (3–5)

Into the Snow

written by Yuki Kaneko, illustrated by Masamitsu Saito
(Enchanted Lion Books, \$16.95) 2016
978-1-59270-188-9

A young child explores in the snow on his own for just the right amount of time. Warm mixed-media illustrations. (3–5)

Is Mommy?

written by Victoria Chang, illustrated by Marla Frazee
(Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster, \$15.99) 2015
978-1-4814-0292-7

Is Mommy mean or nice? Playful reactions to questions challenge her perfection. Will love win out? Humorous, colorful tempera on Manila paper. (2–4)

Jump!

written and illustrated by Tatsuhide Matsuoka
(Gecko Press, \$12.99) 2019
978-1-776572-31-1

A frog jumps, and eight more creatures follow. Can all of them do it? Colorful beautifully composed vertical spreads show subjects at rest and (when able) aloft. (2-3)

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Lali's Feather

written by Farhana Zia, illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman
(Peachtree, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-68263-129-4
Set in India, this gentle story of a creative little girl who finds a stray feather tells how imagination can transform anything. Appealing illustrations of a rural community. (3-6)

Let's Swap For a Day

written and illustrated by Shu-Ti Liao
(Reycraft, \$14.95) 2020 978-1-4788-6819-4
A child and her dog enjoy trading lives for a day until Child-friendly, energetic illustrations match a humorous, breezy tale. (3-6)

Lift

written by Minh Le, illustrated by Dan Santat
(Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, \$17.99) 2020 978-1-368-03692-4
The exuberant emotional maturing of a little girl is shown through the power of her imagination and an elevator button. Practically text-free, a graphic picture book of wonder. (4-6)

The Lost Package

written by Richard Ho, illustrated by Jessica Lanan
(Roaring Brook Press, \$18.99) 2021
978-1-250-23135-2
A boy finds a box that has fallen out of a USPS truck and decides to deliver it himself. Masterful watercolor illustrations. (4-6)

The Most Terrible of All

written by Muon Thị Văn, illustrated by Matt Myers
(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 2019 978-1-5344-1716-8
Smugg prides himself on being the most terrible monster of all, until he meets his match in this humorous Snow White variation. Laugh-out-loud acrylic and oil illustrations. (4-6)

My Big Bad Monster

written and illustrated by A. N. Kang
(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2019
978-1-4847-2882-6
A young girl deals with an internal scolding voice that reinforces her feelings of self-doubt. Bright colorful illustrations. (4-6)

My Grandpa's Chair

written and illustrated by Jiyeon Pak
(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99) 2017
978-1-5247-0075-1
Will Grandpa find a chair he likes? Full-page expressive, colorful illustrations. (3-6)

Natsumi's Song of Summer

written by Robert Paul Weston, illustrated by Misa Sauri
(Tundra Books, 17.99) 2020
978-7352-6541-7
Young Natsumi welcomes her mixed-race American cousin to Japan and shares her favorite things about summer, including cicadas! Traditional Japanese verse is showcased by soft vibrant illustrations. Back matter. (4-6)

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No Kimchi for Me!

written and illustrated by Aram Kim
(Holiday House, \$16.95) 2017
978-0-8234-3762-7
Yoomi's older brothers make fun of her when she won't eat spicy kimchi (Korean pickled vegetables), but Grandma has a delicious solution. Includes a recipe. Humorous mixed-media illustrations. (4-6)

Our Favorite Day

written and illustrated by Joowon Oh
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2019
978-1-5362-0357-8
The loving and creative relationship between a grandfather and his grandchild is depicted in colorful cut-paper illustrations. (4-6)

Over the Ocean

written and illustrated by Taro Gomi
(Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 2016
978-1-4521-4515-0
A small child imagines skyscrapers and funny animals— and maybe someone like her—across the ocean. Simple, colorful illustrations. (2-5)

Presents through the Window

written and illustrated by Taro Gomi
(Chronicle Books, \$15.99) 2016
978-1-4521-5138-0
On Christmas eve, Santa hastily bases his gift choices on glimpses through windows, with some curious results. Interactive cut-paper illustrations. (4-6)

***Quackers**

written and illustrated by Liz Wong
(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$15.99) 2016
978-0-553-51154-3
When a cat who thinks he's a duck discovers the truth, he learns even more about himself. Full-page playful illustrations. (3-5)

Sad, Sad Bear

written and illustrated by Kimberly Gee
(Beach Lane Books, \$17.99) 2021
978-1-5344-5271-8
A sad little bear needs to go to daycare while his Mom goes to work. Making a friend changes everything. Beautifully colored digital illustrations. (3-5)

***Sam & Eva**

written and illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 2017
978-1-4814-1628-3
Can Eva and Sam work together, or will their creative differences cause chaos? Expressive color and black- and-white illustrations. (3-6)

Snowflake in My Pocket

written by Rachel Bright, illustrated by Yu Rong
(Kane Miller/EDC, \$12.99) 2017
978-1-61067-551-2
A squirrel and a bear are best friends forever, even if the snow doesn't last. Bright, cut paper artwork. (3-5)

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Still Stuck

written and illustrated by Shinsuke

Yoshitake

(Abrams BFYR, \$12.95) 2017

978-1-4197-2699-6

A young child, stuck with his shirt over his head while undressing for bath time, imagines possible future scenarios.

Humorous, cartoon-style illustrations. (3-5)

Stormy Night

written and illustrated by Saline Yoon

(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$14.99)

2015 978-0-8027-3780-9

Bear and his bunny can't get to sleep during a loud thunderstorm. Luckily, Mama Bear and Papa Bear are there to protect them.

Bold, colorful photoshopped illustrations.

(3-6)

Sun and Moon Have a Tea Party

written by Yumi Heo, illustrated by Naoko

Stoop

(Schwartz & Wade, \$17.99) 2020

978-0-385-39033-0

Sun and Moon argue about the activities that each celestial orb sees on Earth, until Cloud helps to reconcile their differences.

Delightful mixed-media and digital

illustrations. (4-6)

This Is Our Baby, Born Today

by Varsha Bajaj, illustrated by Eliza

Wheeler

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH,

\$16.99) 2016 978-0-399-16684-6

The world welcomes a baby—an elephant baby! All the creatures and nature rejoice.

Inviting illustrations, created with dip pens,

India ink, and watercolors. (2-5)

Thread of Love

written by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha

Sehgal, illustrated by Zara Gonzalez Hoang

(Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster,

\$17.99) 2018 978-1-5344-0473-1

Simple repetitive text describes the Indian holiday of Raksha Bandhan, during which sisters make rakhi (bracelets) for their

brothers. Bright, engaging digital

illustrations. Back matter. (3-6)

Under the Great Plum Tree

written by Sufiya Ahmed, illustrated by

Reza Dalvand

(Tiny Owl, \$17.95) 2020

978-1-910328-46-0

In this interpretation of an Indian folktale, a good-hearted monkey is almost,

inadvertently, fatally betrayed by her friend,

the crocodile. Both are horrified. Lavish,

colorful illustrations. (5-6)

The Very Fluffy Kitty, Papillon

written and illustrated by A. N. Kang

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2016

978-1-4847-1798-1

A cat is so light and airy that he needs a creative solution and a new friend to stop

him from floating away. Understated,

expressive illustrations. (3-5)

Up to My Knees! (Storytelling Math series)

written and illustrated by Grace Lin

(Charlesbridge, \$6.99) 2020

978-1-62354-123-1

A child plants a sunflower seed and

measures how tall it grows by comparing its

height to her body. Clear, colorful

illustrations. Back matter. (1-4)

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Welcome Home, Bear: A Book of Animal Habitats

written and illustrated by Il Sung Na
(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99)
2015 978-0-385-75375-3
After visiting his friends around the world, Bear realizes that there is no place like home. Digitally enhanced textured paintings. (4-6)

The Whale in My Swimming Pool

written and illustrated by Joyce Wan
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 2015 978-0-374-30037-1
A little boy wants to swim, but his pool is already occupied. Large, colorful drawings. (3-6)

NONFICTION

Circle, Triangle, Elephant!: A Book of Shapes & Surprises

written by Kenji Oikawa, illustrated by Mayuko Takeuchi
(Phaidon, \$9.95) 2017 978-0-7148-7411-1
As they observe the shapes in this clever, appealing board book, young readers will discover surprising objects. Bold, colorful illustrations. (2-4) Concept

One Minute

written and illustrated by Somin Ahn
(Chronicle Books, \$15.99) 2016
978-1-4521-5564-7
What can you do in one minute? A little girl discovers that time can make a difference. Simple yet expressive drawings. (4-6) Concept

What Will Fit? (Storytelling Math series)

written and illustrated by Grace Lin
(Charlesbridge, \$6.99) 2020
978-1-6235-4125-5
At the farmer's market a black child tries to put a "just right" object in her basket. Bold colored art, an age-appropriate exploration of spatial skills. (1-4) Concept

AGES FIVE THROUGH NINE

FICTION

Amira's Picture Day

by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Fahmida Azim
(Holiday House, \$17.99) 2021
978-0-8234-4019-1
Longing to be at school on picture day, Amira celebrates Eid at the end of Ramadan. Lively, digital illustrations of diversity at her mosque. Back matter references the family's Pakistani roots. Family/School/Community.

Angel in Beijing

written and illustrated by Belle Yang
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2018
978-0-7636-9270-4
After viewing Beijing's sights, a girl finds that her lost cat is now staying with a lonely old woman. Gouache paintings. (5-7) Family/School/Community.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

***Ani's Light**

by Tanu Shree Singh, illustrated by Prabhat, Sandhya

(Magination Press, \$14.99) 2020

978-1-4338-3277-2

Vibrant illustrations and gentle text seamlessly combine to portray the emotional resilience of a child facing his mother's terminal cancer. (4-7)

Family/School/Community

Bilal Cooks Daal

by Aisha Saeed, illustrated by Anoosha Syed

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99))

2019 978-1-5344-1810-3

Bilal, six, invites his friends over to cook his favorite south Asian dish with him and his father. Spare, colorful digital illustrations.

(5-8) Family/School/Community.

***Camp Tiger**

by Susan Choi, illustrated by John Rocco (Putnam/G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$17.99)

2019 978-0-399-17329-5

A tiger inexplicably joins a mixed-race family on a camping trip; it mentors a young boy and helps him come to terms with his fears. Brilliant, vivid illustrations. (5-8)

Magical Realism.

Cannonball

by Sacha Cotter, illustrated by Josh Morgan (Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks, \$17.99) 2020

978-1-7282-1756-7

A Maori boy's grandmother helps him hear his inner voice to find his own style of diving. Digital painting. (5-8)

Family/School/Community.

The Cat from Hunger Mountain

written and illustrated by Ed Young (Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$17.99) 2016 978-0-399-17278-6

A spoiled feline lord learns humility and appreciation through privation. Striking paper collage illustrations suggest ancient China. (5-8) Folklore/Fairy tales.

The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes

by Ying Chang Compestine, illustrated by David Roberts

(Abrams BFYR, \$17.99) 2018

978-1-4197-2542-5

This playful twist on a classic fairy tale is inspired by the ban on Western literature during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

Traditional motifs rendered in watercolors, pen, and ink. Back story. (6-9)

Folklore/Fairy Tales.

Crouching Tiger

by Ying Chang Compestine, illustrated by Yan Nascimbene

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 2011

978-0-7636-4642-4

When his grandfather visits from China, young Vinson learns tai chi and what it means to be part Chinese. Delicate, vibrant ink and watercolor illustrations. (6-9)

Family/School/Community

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Dandan's Dream

by Xiaowen Zhu, illustrated by Yanling Gong

(Reycraft Books, \$17.95) 2020

971-1-4788-6853-8

Exquisite illustrations and words tell of the journey of a Chinese girl, Dandan, who mails herself to the South Pole to visit her researcher father. (5-8) Fantasy.

A Different Pond

by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui

(Capstone Young Readers/Capstone, \$15.95)

2017 978-1-62370-803-0

In Minneapolis, a boy shares his experience of fishing with his Vietnamese father for the dinner meal. Evocative animated illustrations. (6-9)

Family/School/Community

***Drawn Together**

by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat, Thai text transcribed and translated by Nancy and Adam Santat

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$17.99) 2018

978-1-4847-6760-3

An American boy and his Thai grandfather bond when they discover that they both love drawing. Expressive mixed-media illustrations. (7-9)

Family/School/Community.

Dumplings for Lili

written and illustrated by Melissa Iwai

(Norton Young Readers/W. W. Norton & Company, \$17.95). 2021 978-1-324-00342-7

When the diverse set of grandmothers in Lili's building, who are all making dumplings each run out of an ingredient, Lili runs around borrowing and delivering the

ones needed. Color cartoon-style illustrations. Chinese dumpling recipe. (5-8) Humor.

Everything Naomi Loved

by Katie Yamasaki & Ian Lendler, illustrated by Katie Yamasaki

(Norton Young Readers/ W. W. Norton, \$18.95) 2020 978-1-324-00491-2

Eleventh Street is changing, leaving Naomi lonely and sad, but Mr. Ray knows how Naomi can cope. Colorful, whimsical art brings the city to life. (5-8) Contemporary Issues.

***Eyes that Kiss in the Corners**

by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho

Harper Collins/Harper, \$17.99) 2021

978-0-06-291562-1

An Asian American girl celebrates the shape of her eyes that connect her to her family, her heritage, and her culture. Boldly colored Asian inspired digital illustrations. (5-8) Contemporary Issues.

The Firekeeper's Son

by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Julie Downing

(Clarion, \$7.99 paperback) 2009

0-618-13337-2

In 1800s Korea, Sang-hee must decide whether to light the signal fire of peace or set the army on the march. Soft watercolors and pastels. (6-9) Historical Fiction.

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A Gift for Amma: Market Day in India

by Meera Sriram, illustrated by Mariona Cabassa

(Barefoot Books, \$16.99) 2020

978-1-6468-6061-6

A little girl in South India shops for a present for her mother and describes the market products. Vibrant multimedia pictures. Back matter includes information on international markets. (5-7)

Family/School/Community

Ginger and Chrysanthemum

by Kristen Mai Giang, illustrated by Shirley Chan

(Levine Querido, \$17.99) 2020

978-1-64614-001-5

Young girl cousins of different temperaments work out their differences to bake a special cake for their grandmother's birthday. Supportive bright digital art with Chinese motifs. (6-8)

Family/School/Community

***Golden Threads**

by Suzanne Del Rizzo, illustrated by Miki Sato

(Owlkids, \$17.95) 2020 978-1-77147-360-6

Emi's much-loved stuffed fox is lost in a fierce storm. Kiko finds and repairs him with gold thread; can she bear to return him?

Vibrant, textured collages. Inspired by the Japanese art of kintsugi. (5-8) Magical Realism.

Grandma and the Rooster

by Yumei Wang, illustrated by Hechen Yu
(Reycraft, \$15.95) 2020 978-1-4788-6974-0

A rooster doomed for chicken soup is saved by a granddaughter who discovers the bird's

positive impact on others. Eye-popping watercolors capture the Chinese New Year.

(5-8) Family/School/Community

***Ho'onani: Hula Warrior**

by Heather Gale, illustrated by Mika Song
(Tundra Books/Penguin Random House Canada Young Readers/PRH, \$17.99)) 2019

978-0-7352-6449-6

Ho'onani's parents support both her feelings that she is neither wahine (girl) or kane (boy) and her performance in a traditional kane hula chant. Black ink and watercolor illustrations. (7-9)

Family/School/Community

Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji

by F. Zia, illustrated by Ken Min

(Lee & Low, \$10.95 paperback) 2011

978-1-60060-443-0

In this humorous fantasy about an Indian family in the United States, Aneel's grandfather tells stories about how eating roti (flatbread) gave him superpowers. Will it still work? Expressive acrylic and colored pencil illustrations. (6-9) Fantasy.

I Dream of a Journey

written and illustrated by Akiko Miyakoshi,
translated from the Japanese by Cathy Hirano

(Kids Can Press, \$16.99) 2020

978-1-5253-0478-1

A small-town hotel owner enjoys the stories of varied guests and longs to travel the world. Anthropomorphic animal characters; glowing, soft-textured drawings. (6-9)

Adventure/Mystery.

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***I Miss My Grandpa**

written and illustrated by Jin Xiaojing
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette,
\$18.99) 2019 978-0-316-41787-7
A young girl asks her relatives what her
grandpa looked like and receives many
answers. The totally original mixed-media
illustrations reveal everyone's feelings.
Mandarin Chinese translation on endpapers.
(6-8) Family/School/Community.

In a Village by the Sea

by Muon Van, illustrated by April Chu
(Creston, \$16.95) 2015 978-1-939547-15-6
In a small Vietnamese village, a woman
waits with her baby for her fisherman
husband to return safely after a storm.
Detailed digitally colored pencil
illustrations. (5-7) Fantasy.

Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen (Jasmine Toguchi series)

by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by
Elizabet Vukovic
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan,
\$15.99) 2017 978-0-374-30410-2
Jasmine hatches a plan to be the first girl to
pound mochi (a traditional Japanese New
Year's food), a task traditionally done by
men. Lively black- and-white illustrations.
First in a series. (7-9) Holidays.

Kiyoshi's Walk

Mark Karlins, illustrated by Nicole Wong
(Lee & Low, \$18.95) 2021
978-1-62014-958-4
Kiyoshi asks his poet grandfather where
poetry comes from. Grandfather
demonstrates by spontaneously writing
haiku about things they see, hear, and

imagine. Painterly digital illustrations.
Afterword. (7-9)
Family/School/Community.

Leila in Saffron

by Rukhsanna Guidroz, illustrated by Dinara
Mirtalipova
(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
2019 978-1-5344-2564-4
Leila loves being with her family but isn't
sure she likes herself, until her wise Naani
helps her see what makes her special.
Brightly colored gouache illustrations
highlight Pakistani culture. (6-9)
Family/School/Community

***Lines**

written and illustrated by Suzy Lee
(Chronicle Books, \$17.99) 2017
978-1-4521-5665-1
Evocative pencil drawings by this
Korean-American author create a wordless
celebration of self-expression and the joyful
surprises that perseverance can bring. (5-8)
Concepts.

Look Up!

written and illustrated by Jung Jin-Ho,
translated from the Korean by Mi Hyun Kim
(Holiday House, \$16.95) 2016
978-0-8234-3652-1
A girl in a wheelchair looks down at the
street from a balcony. Everything changes
when a boy looks up. Black-and-white
illustrations with splashes of color. (5-7)
Family/School/Community.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories from India

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Uma Krishnaswamy

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2019

978-1-5362-0067-6

In these original stories based on Indian folklore, a young prince and his friend cleverly solve disputes brought before the royal court. Black-and-white illustrations. (7-9) Folklore/fairy tales.

Meet Yasmin

by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly (Picture Window Books/Capstone, P \$5.95)

2018 978-1-68436-022-2

In four short stories, Pakistani American Yasmin, an energetic second grader, finds a solution to the problems she faces.

Whimsical, colorful illustrations. Back matter, including a recipe and a craft. (6-8) Coming of Age.

Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business

by Lyla Lee, illustrated by Dung Ho (Aladdin, \$16.99) 2020 978-1-5344-4009-8

In this new series, seven-year-old Mindy finds a way to thrive in a new school where she is the only Korean-American.

Black-and-white digitally-realized cartoon illustrations. (7-9)

Family/School/Community.

***The Most Beautiful Thing**

by Kao Kalia Yang, illustrated by Khoa Le (Carolrhoda Books, \$17.99) 2020

978-1-5415-6191-5

Kalia grows to understand her grandmother's experiences (and her own) as a Hmong

refugee, focused on love of family. Lush mixed-media illustrations magnify the story. (5-8) Family/School/Community.

Music for Alice

written and illustrated by Allen Say (HMC, \$12.59) 2004 0-618-3118-1

A Japanese American girl dreams of dancing, but marriage, life as a farmer, and forcible removal to an Oregon internment camp upend her plans. Detailed, realistic watercolors. (6-9) Historical Fiction.

My Day with Gong Gong

by Sennah Yee, illustrated by Elaine Chan (Annick Press, \$18.95) 2020

978-1-7732-1439-0

May isn't very happy about spending the day with her grandfather. He doesn't speak English and doesn't seem to understand her. Or does he? Colorful watercolor illustrations. (5-8)

Family/School/Community.

***The Night Gardener**

written and illustrated by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 2016

978-1-4814-3978-7

A mysterious man (based on the coauthors' Chinese father) turns the trees on Grimloch Lane into creative topiaries, bringing happiness and wonder to its residents.

Graphite and digitally colored illustrations. (5-8) Family/School/Community.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

***Ocean Meets Sky**

by Terry Fan, illustrated by Eric Fan
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 2018
978-1-4814-7037-7
Finn builds a boat to honor his late Chinese grandfather and goes on an imaginative journey seeking the magical place where ocean meets sky. Dreamlike graphite and digitally colored illustrations. (6-9) Fantasy.

Ohana Means Family

by Ilima Loomis, illustrated by Kenard Pak
(Neal Porter Books/Holiday House, \$18.99)
2020 978-0-8234-4326-0
The making of poi, a favorite dish, involves the Hawaiian customs, values, people, and countryside. Vivid, evocative, panoramic illustrations. Author's note, glossary. (5-7) Family/School/Community.

Ojiichan's Gift

by Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Genevieve Simms
(Kids Can Press, \$16.99) 2019
978-1-77138-963-1
Mayumi van Horton's Japanese grandfather builds her a special stone garden. When he can no longer live in his own home, she makes a garden for him. Evocative watercolors. (6-8) Family/School/Community.

***One Afternoon**

written and illustrated by Hsin Ya Sun
(Reycraft, \$15.95) 2020 978-1-4788-7029-6
Exquisitely detailed illustrations follow a young art designer bicycling through Taipei performing his daily activities while his dog enjoys his own activities at home. Wordless. (6-9) Adventure/Mystery.

The Only Child

written and illustrated by Guojing
(Schwartz & Wade Books/Random House, \$19.99) 2015 978-0-553-49704-5
A girl gets lost on the way to her grandmother's; a magical creature helps her get back home. Inspired by the author's isolated childhood, due to China's one-child policy. Soft black-and-white pencil illustrations. (6-8) Fantasy.

Our Little Kitchen

written and illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
(Abrams BFYR/Abrams, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-4197-4655-0
Using donated food and produce from their garden, a wonderfully diverse group prepares a meal each week for their neighbors in need. Lively, colorful illustrations accompany onomatopoeic text. (4-6) Family/School/Community.

Outside, Inside

written and illustrated by LeUyen Pham
(Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck, \$18.99)
2021 978-1-250-79835-0
Poignant digital illustrations and soothing rhythmic language reflect on acts of humanity during the pandemic year. (4-7) Family/School/Community.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Frané Lessac

(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 2017
978-0-7636-9274-2

A giant pumpkin serves as an ark for Pattan, his wife, and the regional plants and animals. Colorful gouache folk-style art. (5-8) Folklore/Fairy Tales

The Perfect Gift (Confetti Kids series)

by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez

(Lee & Low Books, \$14.95) 2018
978-1-62014-568-5

As her baby brother's 100-day celebration approaches, Chinese American Mei struggles to find the perfect gift for him. Watercolor and digital illustrations. Craft activity instructions. (6-8) Family/School/Community.

***The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden**

by Heather Smith, illustrated by Rachel Wada

(Orca Book Publishers, \$19.95) 2019
978-1-4598-2103-3

After a devastating tsunami, a man finds a way to help the bereaved ease the pain from their losses. Japanese- inspired watercolors with ink and pencil. (6-8) Historical Fiction.

A Piece of Home

by Jeri Watts, illustrated by Hyewon Yum

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2016
978-0-7636-6971-3

After moving from Korea to West Virginia, a boy and his family struggle to adjust to an

unfamiliar world while maintaining their cultural identity. Expressive watercolors. (6-9) Family/School/Community.

Power Forward (Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream series)

by Hena Khan, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 2018 978-1-5344-1198-2

After Pakistani-American Zayd skips orchestra rehearsal to practice basketball, his parents forbid him to play ball for weeks. Black and-white spot illustrations. (7-9) Coming of Age.

The Ramble Shamble Children

by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Lauren Castillo

(Penguin/Nancy Paulsen, \$17.99) 2021
978-0-3991-7632-6

Five diverse siblings living in a shabby house decide to fix it up only to discover that a proper house isn't what works for them. Mixed-media illustrations. (5-8) Humor.

Red Kite, Blue Kite

by Ji-li Jiang, illustrated by Greg Ruth

(Hyperion Books for Children/Disney, \$6.41) 2014 978-1-4231-2753-6
When Chinese Tai Shan's father is sent to a labor camp, the two are able to keep in touch with each other by flying their kites. Realistic watercolor illustrations (6-10) Family/School/Community.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Simon at the Art Museum

by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Christine Davenier
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers, \$17.99) 2020 978-1-5344-3752-4
Simon is inclined to find visiting an art museum baffling and frustrating until he notices how people are reacting to the art. Lively, colorful illustrations. (5-8) Concepts.

Sona and the Wedding Game

by Kashmira Sheth, illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 2015
978-1-56145-735-9
Sona's older sister is getting married, and according to Southern Indian traditions, Sona's job is to steal the groom's shoes! Muted watercolors. (5-8)
Family/School/Community.

***Sugar in Milk**

by Thrity Umrigar, illustrated by Khoa Le
(Running Press Kids, \$17.99) 2020
978-0-7624-9519-1
An immigrant girl is lonely and homesick, when her auntie tells her an ancient story of Persian refugees finding a home in an Indian kingdom. Lush colorful illustrations. (5-8)
Contemporary Issues.

Sumo Joe

by Mia Wenjen, illustrated by Nat Iwata
(Lee & Low Books, \$18.95) 2019
978-1-62014-802-0
When his younger sister, who takes aikido, wants to join Joe and his friends while they practice sumo wrestling, he has a big decision to make. Whimsical and

exaggerated color illustrations. (5-7)
Family/School/Community.

***Ten Cents a Pound**

by Nhung N. Tran-Davies, illustrated by Josée Bisaillon
(Seven Stories Press, \$18.95) 2018
978-1-77260-056-8
A Vietnamese mother's desire for her daughter to get an education and be free is countered by the daughter's concern for her mother. Simple, moving illustrations. (5-8)
Family/School/Community.

***Thank You, Miyuki**

by Roxane Marie Galliez, illustrated by Seng Soun Ratanavanh
(Princeton Architectural Press, \$17.95) 2020
978-1-61689-901-1
Over the course of a day, a grandfather models meditation to his curious granddaughter. Lush, immersive, dreamy illustrations show a deep appreciation for Japanese arts. (5-7)
Family/School/Community

Tiny Feet between the Mountains

written and illustrated by Hanna Cha
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 2019
978-1-5344-2992-5
When the sun disappears from the sky, tiny Soe-In volunteers to find the spirit tiger and see what is wrong. Boldly colored mixed-media illustrations. Author's note on the meaning of tigers in Korean lore (6-8). Fantasy.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

***The Way Home in the Night**

written and illustrated by Akiko Miyakoshi
(Kids Can Press, \$16.95) 2017
978-1-77138-663-0

A young bunny observes the activities of different neighbors as his mother carries him home through the darkened streets. Soft pencil, charcoal, and gouache illustrations. (5-7) Fantasy.

Watercress

by Andrea Wang illustrated by Jason Chin
(Neal Porter Books/Holiday House, \$18.99)
2021 978-0-8234-4624-7

A Chinese American girl, angry and embarrassed when her immigrant parents gather watercress from a roadside ditch, learns why it is important to them. Rich watercolor washed illustrations. (5-8) Historical Fiction.

Where's Halmoni?

written and illustrated by Julie Kim
(Little Bigfoot/Sasquatch Books, \$19.99)
2017 978-1-63217-077-4

Two siblings crawl through a portal in search of their grandmother and meet characters from Korean folktales. Colorful illustrations; Korean translations in back matter. (6-8) Fantasy.

***Wishes**

by Mượn Thị Văn, illustrated by Victo Ngai
(Orchard Books, \$18.99) 2021
978-1-338-30589-0

During the night, a Vietnamese family flees their home, beginning a perilous journey towards a new life across the sea. Beautiful and emotive illustrations. Author's note. (5-7) Contemporary Issues.

Yours Sincerely, Giraffe

by Megumi Iwasa, illustrated by Jun Takabatake. Translated by Cathy Hirano
(Gecko Press, \$16.99) 2017
978-1-927271-88-9

Giraffe begins a pen pal relationship with Penguin, but they don't have any idea what the other looks like. Misunderstandings ensue. Humorous black-and-white drawings. (6-8). Adventure/Mystery.

NONFICTION

111 Trees: How One Village Celebrates the Birth of Every Girl (Citizen Kid)

by Rina Singh, illustrated by Marianne Ferrer
(Kids Can Press, \$18.99) 2020
978-1-5253-0120-9

An Indian father honors his dead daughter by encouraging neighbors to plant trees and educate girls. Paint and graphite illustrations show an emerging green village. Back matter. (6-9) World.

***Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix**

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee, illustrated by Man One
(Readers to Eaters, \$18.95) 2017
978-0-9836615-9-7

A naturalized American from Korea brings wholesome, flavorful food to low-income Los Angeles neighborhoods. Layered, graffiti-style artwork. Back matter. (6-9) Biography/Memoir.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

***Child of the Universe**

by Ray Jayawardhana, illustrated by Raul Colón

(Make Me a World/PRH, \$17.99) 2020

978-1-5247-1754-4

This Sri Lankan-Canadian astrophysicist weaves a deceptively simple story in which a father compares his daughter to the elements of the cosmos, as she prepares for bed. Intense and spectacular colored pencil illustrations. (6-9) Poetry.

Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon

by Simran Jeet Singh, illustrated by Baljinder Kaur

(Kokila/PRH, \$17.99) 2020

978-0-525-55509-4

Overcoming lifetime obstacles, this Punjabi man broke all records in 1911 as the first 100-year-old man to run the marathon. Collage-like illustrations. Back matter. (6-8) Sports.

The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee

by Julie Leung, illustrated by Julie Kwon

(Little, Brown \$18.99) 2021

978-1-368-05227-6

A young Chinese American girl defied multiple stereotypes to become a valued airline pilot for the United States during WWII. Evocative illustrations. Author's note. (6-9) Biography/Memoir.

The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field

by Scott Riley, illustrated by Nguyen Quang / Kim Lien

(Lerner/Millbrook, \$19.99) 2021

978-1-5415-7915-6

Prasit and his friends find an alternative to the sandbar, where they occasionally enjoy their favorite sport. Evocative illustrations. Supplementary information. Map and photos. (6-9) Sports.

How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock Climbing Champion

by Ashima Shiraishi, illustrated by Yao Xiao

(Make Me a World/Random House/PRH, \$17.99) 2020

978-1-5247-7327-4

A Japanese-American teenager shares the patience, perseverance, her creative strategies, and her failures, all essential for her successful climbs to challenging summits. Colorful vistas depicted.

Timeline, end papers (5-8)

Biography/Memoir.

Kamala and Maya's Big Idea

by Meena Harris, illustrated by Ana Ramírez González

(Balzer & Bray/HarperCollins, \$18.99) 2020

978-0-06-293740-7

Warm, colorful panels show how the young sisters of Jamaican and Indian descent, Kamala and Maya Harris, worked to unite a community to get a neighborhood playground built. (7-9) History.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Let's Go to Taekwondo! A Story About Persistence, Bravery, and Breaking Boards

written and illustrated by Aram Kim

(Holiday House, \$17.99) 2020

978-0-8234-4360-4

Animal friends join Yoomi as she learns Korean self-defense. Her grandmother and friends help her pass the board-breaking test.

Cartoon, colored pencil, and pastel illustrations (5-8) Sports.

Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines

by Jeanne Walker Harvey, illustrated by

Dow Phumiruk

(Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt

BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 2017

978-1-250-11249-2

The daughter of Chinese immigrants, Lin became a creator of celebrated art and architecture, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Watercolor and Photoshop illustrations. Author's note. (7-9)

Biography/Memoir.

Moon Bears

written and photographed by Mark Newman

(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan,

\$17.99) 2015 978-0-8050-9344-5

Learn about the rescued indigenous moon bears in Chengdu, China: how they live, what they eat, and why their ears are round and far apart. Detailed photographs. (6-9) Ecology.

Mountain Chef: How One Man Lost His Groceries, Changed His Plans, and Helped Cook Up the National Park Service

by Annette Bay Pimentel, illustrated by Rich Lo

(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 2016

978-1-58089-711-2

In 1918, to entice 30 lawmakers to support national parks, Tie Sing, a Chinese trail cook, was hired to accompany them on a camping trip. Evocative pencil and watercolor illustrations. Well referenced. (6-9) History.

***My Night in the Planetarium: A True Story about a Child, a Play, and the Art of Resistance**

written and illustrated by Innosanto Nagara

(Seven Stories Press, \$17.95) 2016

978-1-60980-700-9

Aware of Indonesian history, Innosanto hides in a planetarium when authorities try to arrest his father for protesting. Realistic, full-color illustrations. (7-10)

Biography/Memoir.

Our Food: A Healthy Serving of Science and Poems

by Grace Lin and Ranida T. McKneally,

illustrated by Grace Zong

(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 2016

978-1-58089-590-3

Learn how eating fruits, vegetables, grains, and protein foods keeps you healthy. Haiku and prose. Cheerful, colorful acrylics. (6-8) STEM.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

***The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teaching of his Holiness the Dalai Lama**

by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, illustrated by Bao Luu

(Kokila/PRH,\$18.99) 2020

978-0-525-55514-8

Chosen from an ordinary family in Tibet, the great Buddhist spiritual leader shares his personal journey and ethical values inspired by his mother. Expressive, digital illustrations. (5-8) Holidays/Religion.

Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind

by Cynthia Grady, illustrated by Amiko Hirao

(Charlesbridge, \$16.99) 2018

978-1-58089-688-7

During World War II, a white librarian corresponds with Japanese American children in internment camps, becoming their staunch advocate. Extensive back matter. Archival photographs and colored pencil illustrations. (5-7) History.

AGES NINE THROUGH TWELVE

FICTION

Ahimsa

by Supra Kelkar

(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$18.85) 2017

978-1-62014035608

When her Brahmin-born mother becomes a freedom fighter in 1942 India, Anjali, ten, finds she must overcome ingrained prejudices and superstitions as she also

becomes an activist. Back matter. (9-12) Historical Fiction.

Amal Unbound

by Aisha Saeed

(Nancy Paulsen Books/PRH, \$17.99) 2018

978-0-399-54468-2

Amal's dreams of becoming a teacher appear to be shattered when she insults Jawad Khan and becomes an indentured servant to his powerful family in her Pakistani village. (9-12) Contemporary Issues.

Amina's Song

by Hena Kham

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, 17.99)

2021 978-1-5344-5988-5

After a visit to Lahore, Pakistani American Amina is disappointed that friends aren't interested in hearing about it. How can she share her love for Pakistan? (9-12) Family/School/Community.

Amina's Voice

by Hena Khan

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99)

2017 928-1-4814-9206-5

Amina is a young Pakistani American who is musically gifted but suffered from stage fright. Can she find the courage to perform when it really counts? (9-12) Coming of Age.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

The Birth of Kitaro (Shigeru Mizuki's Kitaro series)

written and illustrated by Shigeru Mizuki, translated from the Japanese by Zack

Davisson

(Drawn & Quarterly, \$12.95) 2016

978-1-77046-228-1

In this English translation of one of Japan's canonical comic books, Kitaro is a yōkai boy from another realm who combats ghosts and spirits. Pen and ink illustrations. (10-12) Fantasy.

Blackbird Fly

by Erin Estrada Kelly, illustrated by Betsy Peterschmidt

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

2015 978-0-06-223861-0

A Filipino immigrant, bullied by boys for her Asian looks, dreams of running away to New Orleans and find a new life as a musician. Black-and-white spot illustrations. (9-12) Coming of Age.

Book Uncle and Me

by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Julianna Swaney

(Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, \$14.95) 2016 978-1-55498-808-2

When Yasmin, 9, discovers that her favorite free lending library is going to close, she decides to try to save it. Spot black and white illustrations. (8-11) Contemporary Issues.

***The Bridge Home**

by Padma Venkatraman

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99) 2019 978-1-5247-3811-2

After fleeing their abusive father, Viji, 11, and her sister Rukku, 12, form an unusual family with two homeless boys and a stray dog. (10-12) Coming of Age.

***Bronze and Sunflower**

by Cao Wenxuan, illustrated by Meilo So, translated from the Chinese by Helen Wang (Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2017

978-0-7636-8816-5

During China's "Cultural Revolution," an orphaned city girl is adopted by a poor village family and together they survive poverty, floods, and famine. (10-12) Historical Fiction.

Checked

by Cynthia Kadohata, illustrated by Maurizio Zorat

(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 2018

978-1-4814-4661-7

Like his father, 11-year-old half-Japanese Conor lives for hockey. Their dog's cancer and the cost of elite sports force Conor to make difficult choices, but nothing dampens his passion. Chapter-head black-and-white illustrations. (9-12) Sports.

Chloe in India

by Kate Darnton

(Delacorte Press/Random House/PRH, \$16.99) 2016 978-0-553-53504-4

Everything is different and challenging when Chloe's family moves from Boston to Delhi, but finding friends and fitting in is hardest. An unexpected partnership amazes her. (9-12) Contemporary Issues.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Count Me In

by Varsha Bajaj

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99) 2019 978-0-525-51724-5

In alternating chapters, seventh graders Karina and Chris tell the story of an attack on Karina's grandfather, an Indian American in a Texas town. (9-12) Contemporary Issues.

***Front Desk**

by Kelly Yang

(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$16.99) 2018 978-1-338-15779-6

When the motel they manage outside Disney World is suddenly up for sale, Chinese immigrants Mia, 10, and her parents lead a campaign to buy it. Will they succeed in time? (9-12) Historical Fiction.

***Full Cicada Moon**

by Marilyn Hilton

(DialBFYR/Penguin, \$17.99) 2015 978-0-5254-2875-6

In 1969 Mimi moves to Vermont with her Japanese mother and black father. Passionate about the space program, she follows her heart and stands up for her beliefs. Told in free verse (9-12) Historical fiction.

A Grain of Rice

written and illustrated by Helena Clare Pittman, afterword by Daniel Rockmore (Delacorte Press/PRH, \$14.99) 2018 978-1-5247-6552-1

A very smart but poor man tries to win the hand of a princess by using his math skills. An engaging tale set in China. Pencil drawings. Extensive afterword explains the math in the story. Delicately shadowed

black-and-white drawings. (8-10) Folklore and Fairy Tales.

The Gauntlet

by Karuna Riazi

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 2017 978-1-4814-8696-5

An ancient game springs to life as soon as Farah, a 12-year-old Bangladeshi American, and her friends begin playing. Now they must win the game or remain its prisoners. (9-12) Fantasy.

Grenade

by Alan Gratz, map by Jim McMahon (Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 2018 978-1-338-24569-1

Hideki, 13, an Okinawan student, and Ray, a young American Marine, meet on the battlefield during the Battle of Okinawa, with grave consequences for both. (9-12) Historical Fiction.

***The House That Lou Built**

by Mae Respicio

(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House/PRH, \$16.99) 2019 978-1-5247-1794-0

Lou, a fatherless Filipino American Californian, must deal with the challenges of a prospective move away from a large, loving Filipino family and a house she is secretly building in the woods. (9-12) Contemporary Issues.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

I'm OK

by Patti Kim

(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 2019 978-1-5244-1929-2

When his father dies unexpectedly. Ok, the child of Korean immigrants, tries to make money, and in the process find friendship and his own identity. (10-13) Coming of Age.

Iqbal and His Ingenious Idea: How a Science Project Helps One Family and the Planet (CitizenKid series)

by Elizabeth Suneby, illustrated by Rebecca Green

(Kids Can Press, \$18.99) 2018

978-1-77138-720-0

In Bangladesh, Iqbal creates a solar cooker both to help his mother and to win the science fair. Color pencil and digital illustrations. Note, project instructions, and glossary. (8-11) Contemporary Issues.

Krista Kim-Bap

by Angela Ahn

(Second Story Press, P \$11.95) 2018

978-1-77260-063-6

Canadian-Korean Krista and Jason are best friends, but when the popular girl in school invites Krista to her party, their friendship begins to erode. (8-11) Contemporary Issues.

***Lalani of the Distant Sea**

by Erin Estrada Kelly, illustrated by Lian Cho

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

2019 978-0-06-274727-3

Feeling responsible for her island's catastrophes, Lalani, 12, set off on an epic

quest. Interspersed with her adventure are finely illustrated vignettes of fantastical creatures and plants that she encounters. (9-12) Fantasy.

The Land of Forgotten Girls

by Erin Estrada Kelly

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

2016 978-0-06-223864-1

Abandoned by their Filipino father and living with their abusive stepmother in Louisiana, sisters Sol, 12, and Ming, 6, find refuge in stories and friends. (10-12) Coming of Age.

Listen, Slowly

by Thanhhá Lai

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 2015

978-0-06-222918-2

Mai's grandfather died in the war in Vietnam. When she travels there to help her grandmother fully accept his death, Mai gains a broader view of her own life. Helpful map. (9-12) Coming of Age.

***A Long Pitch Home**

by Natalie Dias Lorenzi

(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 2016

978-1-58089-713-6

Desperately missing his father left behind in Pakistan, cricket-playing Bilal must addict to the United States, to baseball, and to an unexpected friendship with a girl pitcher. (9-12) Contemporary Issues.

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More to the Story

by Hena Khan

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

2019 978-1-4814-9209-6

Jameela, 15, a Pakistani American, develops her journalistic talents amid family problems and illness. (10-13) Contemporary Issues.

Mulan: The Legend of the Woman Warrior

by Faye-Lynn Wu, illustrated by Joy Ang

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 2019

978-0-06-280341-2)

When her sick father is recruited for the army, Mulan disguises herself and serves honorably, even becoming a leader.

Dramatic, deeply colored illustrations (8-11)

Folklore and Fairy Tales.

***The Night Parade**

by Kathryn Tanquary

(Sourcebooks Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks,

\$16.99) 2016 978-1-4926-2324-3

When Saki, 12, rings the sacred bell on a dare during Obon, she invokes a death curse.

Now she must undo it. (9-12) Fantasy.

Nina Soni: Former Best Friend

by Kashmiri Sheth, illustrated by Jenn

Kocsmiersky

(Peachtree, \$15.95) 2019

978-1-68263-057-0

Indian American Nina's relationship with her former best friend improves when they perform science magic at her younger sister's birthday party. Digital illustrations. (8-10) Contemporary Issues.

Not Your All-American Girl

By Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy

Wan-Long Shang

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 2020

978-1-338-03778-4

After losing the lead role to her best friend in the school play, Lauren begins to question her Jewish/Chinese identity and what makes an all-American. (9-12) Historical Fiction.

***Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices**

Edited by S. K. Ali and Aisha Saeed

(Amulet Books/Abrams, 17.99) 2020

978-1-4197-4083-1

Fifteen Muslim children from Philadelphia to a Syrian refugee camp on a Greek island celebrate the annual Eid festival. Greyscale graphic chapter and spot illustrations. (9-12) Anthologies/Collections.

One Half from the East

by Nadia Hashimi

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 2016

978-0-06-242190-6

Obayda, the youngest daughter of an Afghani family with no sons, is chosen to be a bacha posh and live as a boy, enjoying the attendant privileges. But for how long? (9-12) Coming of Age.

***Pie in the Sky**

by Remy Lai

(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR, \$12.99) 2019

978-1-250-31409-3

Living in Australia is lonely for Jingwen, 12, because he doesn't know English and misses his deceased father. Can baking his father's cake help? Simple spot graphics. (10-12) Coming of Age.

Recently-Published Recommended Books by and/or about the AAPI Community

Prairie Lotus

By Linda Sue Park
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Clarion,
\$16.99) 2020 978-1-328-78150-5
Hanna, 14, who is half-Chinese, and her
white father hope to be accepted into an
1880s Dakota Territory frontier town.
Author's note. (10-12) Historical Fiction.

Outside In

by Jennifer Bradbury
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum
BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 2017
978-1-4424-6827-6
Living on the streets in India,
eleven-year-old Ram becomes an apprentice
to a hardworking artist. Inspired by the true
story of Nek Chand, one of India's most
beloved artists. (9-12) Contemporary
Issues.

Running on the Roof of the World

by Jess Butterworth
(Algonquin Young Readers/Algonquin
Books of Chapel Hill, \$16.95) 2018
978-1-61620-819-6
Fleeing religious persecution in Tibet, Tash
escapes over
the Himalayan Mountains to seek help from
the Dalai Lama in India. Back Matter.
(10-12) Adventure.

Save Me a Seat

by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 2016
978-0-545-84660-8
With warmth and humor, 5th graders Ravi,
newly arrived from India, and Joe, for whom
"brains and noise" don't mix, confront a

bully and find friendship. (8-12) Coming of
Age.

The Serpent's Secret (Book 1 Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series)

by Sayantani DasGupta, illustrated by
Vivienne To
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 2018
978-1-338-18570-6
The morning of Kiranmala's birthday starts
normally, until a rakkhosh (demon) bursts
through the door and steals her Bangladeshi
parents from their New Jersey home.
Intermittent black-and-white illustrations.
(9-12) Fantasy.

The Sky at Our Feet

by Nadia Hashimi
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 2018
978-1-06-242193-7
When immigration authorities arrest his
Afghan mother, Jason escapes to New York
City in search of a family friend. Max, a
new and unexpected ally, helps him. (9-12)
Contemporary Issues.

Somewhere Among

by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum
BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 2016
978-1-4814-3786-8
Japanese American Ema and her pregnant
mom move to Japan, but Ema misses her life
in the United States. Then the Twin Towers
fall. A novel in verse. (9-13) Coming of
Age.

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Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

(Kokila/Penguin Random House, \$16.99)
2020 978-0-5255-5497-4

One day after summer cram school class, Yumi stumbles into a comedy camp of her dreams and is mistaken for an absent student. (9-12) Family/School/Community.

Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh

by Uma Krishnaswami

(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$16.95) 2017
978-1-60060-261-0

For fifth grader Maria Singh, playing softball is everything. But will her father let her dress like the other girls? Set in California during WW II. (9-12) Historical Fiction.

***Three Keys**

by Kelly Yang

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-338-59138-5

The resourceful sixth-grade daughter of newcomer hotel owners finds her voice and rallies her community to fight California's anti-immigrant 1990s Proposition 187. (8-11) Contemporary Issues.

Unidentified Suburban Object

by Mike Jung

(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 2016 978-0-545-78226-5

Chloe's the only Asian kid in school, and her parents won't talk about their backgrounds. Then a new teacher who is Korean American like her assigns a family history project. (9-11) Science Fiction.

***When the Sea Turned to Silver**

by Grace Lin

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$18.99) 2016 978-0-316-12592-5

When her grandmother, the Storyteller, is kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor, Pinmei and her friend Yishan are determined to find her. Colorful detailed illustrations. (9-12) Fantasy.

***When You Trap a Tiger**

By Tae Keller

(Random House Children's, \$16.99) 2020
978-1-5247-1570-0

When her grandmother becomes very ill, Korean-American granddaughter Lily makes a deal with a magical tiger - return the stories her grandmother stole and she would feel better. (9-12) Fantasy.

***A Wish in the Dark**

by Christina Soontornvat

(Candlewick Press \$17.99) 2020
978-1-5362-0494-0

After escaping orphan's prison, Pong, 13, is pursued by Nok, the prison warden's daughter, as a revolution against the tyrannical governor of Chattana is planned. (9-12) Fantasy.

***You Go First**

by Erin Entrada Kelly

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)
2018 978-0-06-241418-2

Separated by 1,000 miles but connected by their online Scrabble game, gifted outsiders Charlotte and Ben help each other through difficulties at home and at school. (9-12) Coming of Age.

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NONFICTION

***Camp Panda: Helping Cubs Return to the Wild**

by Catherine Thimmesh
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 2018
978-0-544-81891-0

China struggles with the near extinction of the panda, its national symbol, with innovative efforts to reintroduce them into the wild. Photographs, maps and extensive back matter. (8-10) Ecology.

Chinese New Year: A Celebration for Everyone

by Jen Sookfong Lee
(Orca Book Publishers, \$24.95) 2017
978-1-4598-1126-3

Excellent color photographs, detailed information, and personal stories tell about celebrating the Chinese New Year in Vancouver and the world over. Resources. Index. (9-12) Holidays and Religion.

Dear America: The Story of an Undocumented Citizen

by Jose Antonio Vargas
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 2019
978-0-06-291459-0

Sent to the United States from the Philippines when he was 12, the author recounts his success in school, citizenship problems, and life as a journalist. Young readers edition. (9-12) Biography/memoir.

Desert Diary: Japanese American Kids Behind Barbed Wire

by Michael O. Tunnell
(Charlesbridge \$19.99) 2020
978-1-5808-9789-1

Pages from a third-grade classroom in the Utah relocation camp form the framework of an exploration of children's experiences in incarceration. Archival photos, glossary, bibliography. (9-12) History.

Desert Girl; Monsoon Boy

By Tara Dairman, ill. By Archana Sreenivasan
(G. P. Putnam's Sons BFYR/PRH, \$17.99)
2020 978-0-525-51806-8

In India, one family leaves their wind-ravaged desert home searching for water. Another leaves their storm-flooded home for higher ground. Will each find refuge? Digitally painted illustrations. (8-10) Ecology.

Diwali: Festival of Lights

by Rina Singh
(Orca Book Publishers, \$24.95) 2016
978-1-4598-1007-5

The Indian holiday of light is celebrated around the world. This book discusses its many different origins, Hindu, Sikh, and Jain. Full color photographs. (10-13) Holidays and Religion.

Finding the Edge: My Life on the Ice

by Karen Chen, with Natalie England, foreword by Kristi Yamaguchi
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 2017
978-0-06-282268-0

National figure skating champion Karen Chen writes about her challenges and victories as a shy girl hoping for an Olympic medal in 2018. Photographs and back matter. (8-12) Biography/memoir.

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***Fred Korematsu Speaks Up (Fighting for Justice series)**

by Laura Atkins, and Stan Yogi, illustrated by Yutaka Houlette
(Heyday, \$18.00) 2017 978-1-59714-368-4
Fred Korematsu fought against discrimination and sought justice for himself and other Japanese Americans who were sent to internment camps during World War II.. Told in verse. Striking illustrations, photographs, sources, bibliography, and other back matter. (9-13) Biography/memoir.

The Inker's Shadow

written and illustrated by Allen Say
(Scholastic Press, \$19.99) 2015
978-0-545-43776-9
Overcoming indifference and hostility and reaping the benefits of kindness, a Japanese Korean boy who loves to draw becomes a professional artist. Ink and watercolor illustration. (10-13) Biography/memoir.

Love, Love

By Victoria Chang
(Sterling Children's Books, \$16.95) 2020
978-1-4549-3832-3
White bullies make Chinese-American Frances miserable; her only outlet is tennis. Her sister is experiencing inexplicable hair loss; Frances determines to solve the mystery. In verse. Resources. (8-11) Poetry.

***Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands**

by Susan Goldman Rubin
(Chronicle Books, \$17.99) 2017
978-1-4521-0837-7
Through interactive constructions, including the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, architect/artist Maya Lin has contributed to

new views on US history and the environment. Archival photographs, bibliography, source notes, index. (10-13) Biography/memoir .

Rice

written and illustrated by Hongcheng Yu (Reycraft with China Children's Press & Publication Group, \$17.95) 2020
978-1-4788-6936-8
Beautifully detailed paintings depict a year of the rice growing process in mountainous Yunnan province. Back matter. (8-11) World.

The Secret Kingdom: Nek Chand, a Changing India, and a Hidden World of Art

by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Claire A. Nivola
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 2018
978-0-7636-7475-5
Following the historic 1947 partition of India, Nek Chand recreates his childhood village using recycled materials for the now famous Rock Garden of Chandigarh. Evocative watercolor and gouache illustrations. Back matter. (9-11) Arts.

The Story of Olympic Diver, Sammy Lee (The Story Of series)

by Paula Yoo, illustrate by Dom Lee
(Lee & Low Books, \$9.95) 2020
978-1-64379-014-5
Discrimination didn't deter a Korean American from a medical career, even while breaking Olympic diving records. Black-and-white illustrations, timeline, glossary, and extensive sourcing. (8-11) Biography.

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The Story of Olympic Swimmer Duke Kahanamoku

by Ellie Crowe, illustrated by Richard Waldrop

(Lee & Low Books, \$8.95) 2019

978-1-620140852-5

Born in 1890 in Hawaii, this world-famous surfer and swimmer won Olympic gold medals and broke world records while facing discrimination. Realistic blank-and-white illustrations. (8-12) Time line, bibliography, sources. Biography.

Thirty Minutes over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story

by Marc Tyler Nobleman, illustrated by Melissa Iwai

(Clarion Books/HMH, \$17.99) 2018

978-0-544-43076-1

In 1943, a Japanese pilot dropped bombs on Oregon, although they didn't do much damage. Twenty years later, his story became a tale of redemption. Bright watercolor illustrations. Bibliography. (8-10) History.

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FICTION

All the Ways Home

by Elsie Chapman

(Feiwei and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)

2019 978-1-250-16679-1

A Japanese Canadian boy's mother is killed in an accident. Now he must spend the summer in Japan with his estranged father and write an essay on the meaning of home. (12-15) Coming of Age.

Any Day With You

By Mae Respicio, illustrated by Mark Koerner

(Wendy Lamb Books, \$16.99) 2020

978-0-525-70757-8

When her treasured great-grandfather announces his intention to return to the Philippines, devastated, she resolves to convince him to stay in Santa Monica. Ink-sketch spot illustrations. (11-14) Family/School/Community.

Aru Shah and the End of Time (Pandava series)

by Roshani Chokshi

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2018

978-1-3680-1235-5

In this modern remix of the Sanskrit epic the Mahabharata, seventh grader Aru inadvertently triggers a potential apocalypse, pitting her and a new "soul sister" against evil, supernatural powers. (11-13) Fantasy.

Aru Shah and the Song of Death (Pandava Series)

by Roshani Chokshi

(Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2019 978-1-3680-1384-0

If Aru doesn't find the god of love's bow and arrow in ten days, she'll be expelled from the Otherworld. Will she succeed in her quest? (11-13) Fantasy.

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The Bone Sparrow

by Zana Fraillon

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2016

978-1-4847-8151-7

Nine-year-old Subhi's imagination and his friendship with a girl on the outside help him endure the harsh conditions of an Australian refugee detention center. A story of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

(11–13) Mature Content Contemporary Issues.

Brother's Keeper

By Julie Lee

(Holiday House, \$17.99) 2020

978-0-8234-4494-6

After war erupts twelve-year-old Sora flees south from North Korea with her brother.

Author's note, family photographs, Korean glossary. (11-13) Historical Fiction.

Child of Spring

by Farhana Zia

(Peachtree, \$16.95) 2016

978-1-56145-904-9

In India, a young servant to a rich family struggles with her circumstances as she plays with children even less advantaged than she is. (11–13) Contemporary Issues.

Cicada

written and illustrated by Shaun Tan

(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$19.99) 2019 978-1-338-29839-0

After 17 years of facing constant workplace discrimination, a cicada retires and comes into his own. Somber grey oils. (11-14) Fantasy.

Crossing the Farak River

by Michelle Aung Thin

(Annick Press, \$18.95) 2020

978-1-77321-397-2

Hasina, her brother, and cousin must survive on their own after anti-Rohingya forces in Myanmar destroy their home and they are separated from their parents. Back matter. (11-14) Contemporary Issues.

Dragon Pearl

by Yoon Ha Lee

(Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2019 978-1-3680-1335-2

Min, a gumiho (shape-shifting fox spirit), must rely on all her abilities to search for her missing brother and uncover the mystery of the Dragon Pearl. (11-14) Magical Realism.

***The Eleventh Trade**

by Alyssa Hollingsworth

(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$16.99)

2018 978-1-250-15576-4

Sami and his grandfather, after escaping war-torn Afghanistan, make money busking in Boston. The theft of their precious musical instrument sends Sami on a desperate search for it. (11-14)

Contemporary Issues.

Everlasting Nora

by Marie Miranda Cruz

(Tor Teen/Tom Doherty Assoc./Macmillan, \$16.99) 2018 978-0-7653-9459-0

Homeless, brave, resourceful Nora and her troubled mother struggle to survive in a Filipino shantytown while Nora dreams of returning to school and having a safe family life. (11-14) Mature Content. Coming of Age.

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A Galaxy of Sea Stars

by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Inc, \$16.99)
2020 978-0-374-30909-1
While trying to keep bonded with her friends as the three move to middle school, Izzy also copes with a refugee Muslim family from Afghanistan moving in. (11-13) Contemporary Issues.

Game of Stars (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series)

by Sayantani DasGupta, illustrated by Vivienne To
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 2019
978-1-338-18573-7
A 12-year-old Indian princess living in New Jersey returns to another dimension to rescue a friend. Author's note informs readers about Bengali folk tales, alchemy, astronomy, and more. Grey-toned spot illustrations. (11-14) Fantasy.

The Girl and the Ghost

by Hanna Alkaf
(HarperCollins Children's Books, \$16.99)
2020 978-0-06-294095-7
Suraya has inherited a ghostly demon from her grandmother whose friendship can be either destructive or healing. A contemporary version of a Malaysian folktale. (11-14) Family/School/Community.

Girl of the Southern Sea

by Michelle Kadarusman
(Pajama Press, \$17.95) 2019
978-1-77278-081-9
In the Jakarta slums, motherless Nia, 14, an aspiring writer, must support herself and her little brother when their alcoholic father

abandons them. Glossary. (11-14) Contemporary Issues.

Girl under a Red Moon: Growing Up during China's Cultural Revolution

by Da Chen
(Scholastic Focus, \$17.99) 2019
978-1-338-26386-2
Sisi, the granddaughter of landowners, flees her native village with her brother Da after her shaming by Red Guards. A harrowing story of survival during the Cultural Revolution in China. Black-and-white ink drawings. (11-14) Mature Content. Historical Fiction.

***The Heartbeats of Wing Jones**

by Katherine Webber
(Delacorte Press/Random House/PRH, \$17.99) 2017 978-0-399-55502-2
After her adored brother's devastating car accident, Wing Jones, half Chinese, half black, takes up running and learns to value herself. (11-14) Coming of Age.

In a Flash

by Donna Jo Napoli
(Wendy Lamb/Random House Children's Books, \$16.99) 2020 978-1-101-93413-5
Caught in Tokyo as WW II engulfs Europe and Asia, two motherless young Italian sisters struggle to survive with their father, an Italian embassy chef. Extensive bibliography. (11-13) Historical Fiction.

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I Believe in a Thing Called Love

by Maurene Goo

(Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 2017
978-0-374-30404-1

Ambitious high school senior Desi Lee has no idea how to get a boyfriend. Then an idea strikes her: study her father's favorite Korean soap operas. (12-14) Humor.

In the Shadow of the Sun

by Anne Sibley O'Brien

(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$17.99) 2017 978-0-545-90574-9

South Korean adoptee Mia must escape from North Korea with her American brother when their father is arrested. Includes factual information about North Korea. (11-14) Adventure and Mystery.

***The Island at the End of Everything**

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, illustrated by Helen Crawford-White

(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99) 2018
978-0-553-53532-7

In the early 20th century, in an attempt to combat leprosy (Hansen's disease), the Philippine government separated the healthy from the ill. When uninfected 12-year-old Amihan is sent to a distant orphanage, her world falls apart. Black-and-white spot illustrations. (11-13) Historical Fiction.

Keep It Together, Keiko Carter

by Debbi Michiko Florence

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-338-60752-9

Junior high brings new challenges and stresses to Keiko and her two long-standing

"besties." Further complications include busy, distracted parents, social competition, and a growing interest in boyfriends. (11-13) Family/School/Community.

The Legend of Auntie Po

Written and illustrated by Shing Yin Khor (Kokila, \$22.99) 2021 978-0-525-55488-2
Mei, 13, narrates life in an 1885 logging camp using reimagined Paul Bunyan stories with Chinese matriarch, Auntie Po, as the protagonist. Bold digital pencil and watercolor illustrations. (11-14) Folklore/Fairy Tales. Graphic format.

The Lines We Cross

by Randa Abdel-Fattah

(Scholastic Press, \$18.99) 2017
978-1-338-11866-7

The attraction between teenagers Mina, an Afghani Australian refugee, and Michael, a white Australia-born citizen, force them to confront and explore the prejudices and challenges Mina's community faces. (13-15) Contemporary Issues.

The Magnolia Sword: A Ballad of Mulan

by Sherry Thomas

(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$19.95) 2019
978-1-62014-804-4

In fifth-century China, a girl disguised as her brother fights for the emperor, uncovers family secrets, and finds true love. (12-15) Historical Fiction.

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The Magic Fish

written and illustrated by Trung Le Nguyen
(Random House Graphic, \$23.99) 2020
978-0-5931-2529-8

Loving family, supportive friendships, and fairytales help Tien navigate a cultural divide with his Vietnamese parents and the newfound feelings for his best friend. Graceful illustrations. (12-15) Contemporary Issues. Graphic format.

Mulan: Before the Sword

By Grace Lin
(Disney-Hyperion, \$16.99) 2020
978-1-368-02033-6

Mulan feels herself to be a less worthy daughter than her younger sister but, aided by immortal allies, she embarks on a quest that reveals her bravery. (11-14) Folklore/Fairy Tales.

***The Night Diary**

by Veera Hiranandani
(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99)
2018 978-0-7352-2851-1

Through diary entries dedicated to her deceased Muslim mother, Nisha describes the conflicts that tear India apart and forces her Hindu father and family to flee their home in Pakistan. (11-14) Historical Fiction.

Operatic

by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler
(Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, \$19.95) 2019 978-1-55498-972-0
Middle school angst is explored graphically through soft dramatic drawings expressing musical history. Charlotte (Charlie) Noguchi struggles with crushes and bullying, and

finds comfort learning about opera singer Maria Callas. Surnames suggest Japanese ancestry. Bibliography. (12-14) Family/School/Community. Graphic format.

Orange for the Sunsets

by Tina Athaide
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 2019 978-0-06-279529-8
Asha, Indian, and Yesofu, Ugandan, find their deep friendship tested when dictator Idi Amin announces that Indians have 90 days to leave Uganda. Back matter includes timeline and resources. (11-13) Historical Fiction.

Outrun the Moon

by Stacey Lee
(G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Random House, \$17.99) 2016 978-0-399-17541-1
Mercy Wong aspires to be an entrepreneur in 1906 San Francisco, but when she faces sexism and anti-Chinese xenophobia, deceit seems the only way forward. (12-14) Historical Fiction.

***A Place to Belong**

by Cynthia Kadohata, illustrated by Julia Kuo
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 2019
978-1-4814-4664-8
Hanako, 12, recounts the family's return to Hiroshima after their confinement in an incarceration camp in the United States during World War II. Occasional black and white illustrations. (11-13) Historical Fiction.

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Rescued

by Eliot Schrefer

(Scholastic Press, \$18.99) 2017

978-0-545-65503-3

An American boy, who grew up with an orangutan who his father had irresponsibly given him as a gift, must now rescue his “brother” and work to return him to Indonesia and the wild. (11–14) Animals.

***Saints and Misfits**

by S. K. Ali

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

2017 978-1-4814-9924-8

Janna Yusuf, 15, South Indian-American, tries to make sense of her life after being sexually assaulted by her best friend’s cousin, a well-respected boy at her mosque. (12-15) Mature Content. Contemporary Issues.

See You in the Cosmos

by Jack Cheng

(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99)

2017 978-0-399-18637-0

Attending a rocket festival to launch his own entry leads to many adventures for 11-year-old Alex—and to a surprising discovery about his dead father. (11-13) Coming of Age.

Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame

by Supriya Kelkar

(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$21.95) 2021

978-1-64379-040-4

In 1857 India, child-bride Meera flees a cruel custom to serve a British colonizer, but soon realizes she has traded one form of subservience for another, and fights back.

Historical notes, timeline, glossary. (12-14)

Historical Fiction.

Superman Smashes the Klan

By Gene Luen Yang, ill by Gurihiru

(DC Comics, \$16.99) 2020

978-1-77950-421-0

When a Chinese family moves to Metropolis, the Klan of the Fiery Cross tries to run them out of town. Can Superman save the day? Colorful, retro graphic panels. (11-14) Fantasy. Graphic format.

***A Thousand Questions**

by Saadia Faruqi

(Quill Street/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 2020

978-0-06-294320-0

In Pakistan, Mimi from Houston helps Sakina, a servant to Mimi’s grandparents, learn English; Sakina helps Mimi discover the charms of Karachi – and find her missing father. (11-14) Contemporary Issues.

What Elephants Know

by Eric Dinerstein

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 2016

978-1-4847-2854-3

In Nepal, Nandu must save his adopted father’s elephant stable. The author, a naturalist, writes vividly about the plants and animals of Nepal. (11–14) Animals.

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While I Was Away

by Waka T. Brown
(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins Publishers, \$16.99) 2021 978-0-06-301711-3
Waka, 12, details her difficult school experiences and life with her standoffish grandmother during an extended stay in Japan in 1984. (12-15) Biography/Memoir.

NONFICTION

***All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team**

By Christina Soontornvat
(Candlewick Press, \$24.99) 2020
978-1-5362-0945-7
An incredible international effort led to the rescue of 12 Thai children and their coach trapped in a flooded cave. Endnotes, bibliography, archival photos. (12-15) History.

***A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story**

by Caren Stelson, illustrated by Akira Kusaka
(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-5415-2148-3
Japan's WWII brings devastation and suffering to Sachiko's family, but grandmother's bowl, found intact amidst the wreckage, evokes treasured memories and hope for future peace. Warm digital illustrations. (11-14) Biography/Memoir.

***Enemy Child: The Story of Norman Mineta, a Boy Imprisoned in a Japanese American Internment Camp during World War II**

by Andrea Warren
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, \$22.99) 2019 978-0-8234-4151-8
A young child forcibly interned with his family grows up to become a congressman committed to constitutional rights. Archival photographs and extensive back matter. (11-14) Biography/Memoir.

Kiyo Sato: From a WWII Japanese Internment Camp to a Life of Service

by Connie Goldsmith with Kiyo Sato
(Twenty-First Century Books, \$37.32) 2020
978-1-5415-5901-1
Though once incarcerated, Kiyo never gives up hope for her country, serves in the US Air Force, and advocates for human rights. Extensive back matter, archival photos. (12-15) Biography/Memoir.

***M Is for Movement: AKA Humans Can't Eat Golf Balls**

written and illustrated by Innosanto Nagara
(Triangle Square BFYR/Seven Stories Press, \$19.95) 2019 978-1-60980-935-5
With humor and gorgeous paintings, the narrator portrays the birth of an activist, linking movements for social justice in Indonesia with others around the world. (11-13) Law and Justice.

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***Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story**

by Caren Stelson
(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$19.99) 2016
978-1-4677-8903-5

Sachiko Yasui was six when the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945. She survived, but it was many years before she could talk about the experience. Archival photos and back matter. (11–14) Biography/Memoir.

Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune

by Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Gareth Hinds
(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 2016
978-1-58089-584-2

In the violent world of 12th-century Japan, an exiled child grows up to become a legendary warrior. Notes, timelines, and black-and-white brush illustrations. (11– 14) Mature Content. History.

Uprooted: The Japanese-American Experience during World War II

by Albert Marrin
(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House/PRH, \$17.99) 2016 978-0-553-50936-6
Learn about early Japanese immigration to America and the forces that led to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Archival photographs. (13–15) History.

***Vietnam: A History of the War**

by Russell Freedman
(Holiday House, \$20.00) 2016
978-0-8234-3658-3

A determined people waged a very long and bitter war for independence against the Japanese, the French, and the Americans. Photographs and back matter. (12–15) History.

FOURTEEN AND UP

FICTION

***After the Shot Drops**

by Randy Ribay
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 2018
978-1-328-70227-2

In alternating chapters, biracial Nasir and Bunny (who is Black), friends since childhood, tell how basketball brought them together and how it is tearing them apart now that Bunny has transferred to prep school. (14-18) Contemporary Issues.

American Panda

by Gloria Chao
(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
2018 978-1-4814- 9910-1

A freshman at MIT, Mei, 17, tries to meet her traditional Taiwanese parents' expectations, but their dreams for her are not what she wants—or needs. (13-17) Coming of Age.

The Blossom and the Firefly

by Sherri L. Smith
(G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-5247-3790-0

In 1945 Japan, Taro, 17, is willing to die for his country. But then this kamikaze pilot meets 15-year-old Hana. Author's note, glossary, bibliography. (14-17) Historical Fiction.

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Butterfly Yellow

by Thanh Hà Lai

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 2019

978-0-06-222921-2

A Vietnamese refugee gets unexpected help while trying to locate her younger brother in Texas. He doesn't recognize her, but she is determined to awaken his memories.

Author's note. (14-16) Historical Fiction.

***Displacement**

written and illustrated by Kiku Hughes

(First Second/Roaring Brook/Macmillan, \$24.99) 2020 978-1-2501-9354-4

San Franciscan teen Kiku travels back in time to experience the traumatic WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans, including the grandmother she never knew.

Nuanced colored panels. Back matter.

(13-16) Fantasy. Graphic format.

The Downstairs Girl

by Stacey Lee

(Putnam/G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$17.99)

2019 978-1-5247-4095-5

A Chinese American girl in 1890s Atlanta faces prejudice while working as a maid and an anonymous newspaper advice columnist.

(13-15) Historical Fiction.

***The Epic Crush of Genie Lo**

by F. C. Yee

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$18.99) 2017

978-1-4197-2548-7

Can Genie, a 16-year-old Chinese American, be the reincarnation of a mythological weapon? Is Quentin really the immortal Monkey King? A rollicking, action packed adventure. (14-17) Fantasy.

Finding My Voice

by Marie Myung-Ok Lee

(Soho Teen, \$18.99) 2020

978-1-64129-197-2

In a small Minnesota town, senior Ellen Sung grapples with pressures of college choices, overt racism, and demanding parents. (13-16) Coming of Age.

***Frankly in Love**

by David Yoon

(G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$18.99) 2019

978-1-9848-1220-9

Frank wants his parents to be happy, but it's hard to balance his Americanness with his Koreanness. You just can't predict when true friendship or love will appear. (15-18)

Coming of Age.

A Girl Like That

by Tanaz Bhathena

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 2018 978-0-374-30544-4

Indian orphan Zarin relocates from Mumbai to Saudi Arabia, chafing against the culture, and rebelling against her abusive aunt and school bullies. Can kind Porus's love set her soul free? (14-17) Coming of Age.

Girl, Serpent, Thorn

by Melissa Bashardoust

(Flatiron Books, \$18.99) 2020

978-1-250-19614-9

Soraya is poisonous to anything she touches. Isolated and lonely, she grasps at a chance for change, potentially dooming her family and kingdom. Inspired by Persian lore.

(13-16) Fantasy.

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The Henna Wars

by Adiba Jaigirdar

(Page Street Publishing Company, \$17.99)

2020 978-162-414-968-9

Coming out to her Muslim Bengali parents did not go well for Nishat. She's entered a contest for entrepreneurs at her Irish, predominantly White, girls' school; an attractive rival appears. (14-17) Coming of Age.

Hunt for the Bamboo Rat

(Prisoners of the Empire Series)

by Graham Salisbury

(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House,

\$16.99) 2014 978-0-375-84266-5

Zenji Watanabe, 17, is sent from Hawaii to the Philippines to spy on the Japanese but gets captured by them when Manila is invaded in World War II. (13-17) Historical Fiction.

I Love You So Mochi

by Sarah Kuhn

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 2019

978-1-338-30288-2

When Kimi, 17, visits her grandparents in Kyoto, she meets a Japanese boy who encourages her to pursue her passion—fashion! A humorous but heartfelt story of first love. (13-16) Family/School/Community.

***I'll Be the One**

by Lyla Lee

(Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

2020 978-0-06-293692-9

Sixteen-year-old Korean American Skye dreams of becoming a K-pop star, but everyone – especially her mother – says that fat girls can't dance. Can she prove them wrong? (14-17) Contemporary Issues.

Indigo Girl

by Suzanne Kamata

(Gemma Media, P \$14.95) 2019

978-1-936846-73-3

Aiko Cassidy travels from Michigan to rural Japan to spend the summer with her biological father, an indigo farmer. Sequel to Gadget Girl. (13-16) Family/School/Community.

Ink and Ashes

by Valynne E. Maetani

(Tu/Lee & Low, \$19.95) 2015

978-1-62014-211-0 Claire's father had been a gang member in Japan, although he later turned over a new leaf. A decade after his death, his criminal history affects his family. Includes a glossary. (15–18) Coming of Age.

***Internment**

by Samira Ahmed

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.99) 2019 978-0-316-52269-4

After the president authorizes “Exclusion Laws” for all Muslims in America, Layla's family is among those sent to an internment camp. She chooses to resist. (14-17) Mature Content. Fantasy.

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Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens

by Tanya Boteju

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$19.99)

2019 978-1-5344-3065-5

Awkward Sri Lankan/white Nima, 17, attends a drag performance that changes her life. This isn't just a story about finding yourself; it's about allowing others to discover you. (15-18) Coming of Age.

Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Malinda Lo

(Dutton/Penguin, \$18.99) 2021

978-0-525-55525-4

Aspiring scientist, 17 year old Lily Hu, is conflicted between her traditional upbringing in 1950's Chinatown and her awakening sexuality. Sensitively nuanced coming of age. (14-17) Historical Fiction.

Love, Hate & Other Filters

by Samira Ahmed

(Soho Teen/Soho Press, \$18.99) 2018

978-1-61695-847-3

Maya, an Indian-American Muslim teenager, risks her family's disapproval over her attraction to a non-Muslim boy. The family is targeted after what appears to be a Muslim terrorist act. (14-17) Coming of Age.

***Lucy and Linh**

by Alice Pung

(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99) 2016

978-0-399-55048-5

When Lucy, an immigrant from Vietnam, wins a prestigious scholarship, she must learn how to navigate the world of privilege

without losing herself or her beloved heritage. (14-18) Coming of Age.

Mad, Bad, & Dangerous to Know

by Samira Ahmed

(Soho Teen, \$18.99) 2020

978-1-61695-989-0

In Paris, a French-Indian-American girl hunts for a rumored lost Delacroix painting given to famed author Alexandre Dumas, with Dumas' sixth-great-grandson. (15-17) Contemporary Issues.

A Map to the Sun

written and illustrated by Sloane Leong

(First Second/Macmillan, \$24.99) 2020

978-1-250-14668-7

Once-best friends Ren (Black) and Luna (Chinese Hawaiian) are uncomfortably reunited on a high school basketball team following two years of radio silence on Luna's part. Graphic novel. (15-18) Coming of Age. Graphic format.

***Mariam Sharma Hits the Road**

by Sheba Karim

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 2018

978-0-06-244573-5

Three Pakistani-American Muslim teenagers take a road trip to New Orleans. Along the way, conflicts with their religious parents are revealed. (14-17) Mature Content. Adventure.

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Noteworthy

by Riley Redgate, illustrated by Ben Wiseman
(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$17.95) 2017
978-1-4197-2373-5
When Chinese-American Jordan Sun isn't cast in her boarding school's musical because of her deep voice, she goes incognito to join an all-boys a cappella group. Black-and-white illustrations. (13-17)
Coming of Age.

***Parachutes**

by Kelly Yang
(Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, \$18.99)
2020 978-0-06-294108-4
Scholarship student (Filipina) Dani hosts wealthy Claire from Shanghai when she enrolls in Dani's private school in California. Initial antipathy gives way to alliance as they each face their own traumas. (15-18).
Contemporary Issues.

***Patron Saints of Nothing**

by Randy Ribay
(Kokila/Penguin Random House, \$17.99)
2019 978-0-5255-5491-2
Seventeen-year-old Jay travels to Manila, in the Philippines, to investigate his beloved cousin's death and uncover why his uncle forbade anyone to speak of it. (15-18)
Adventure/Mystery.

A Pho Love Story

by Loan Le
(Simon & Schuster, \$19.99) 2021
978-1-5344-4193-4
Two Vietnamese/Californian high school seniors from rival family restaurant businesses find romance blossoming along

with their gifts for writing and art.(14-16)
Coming of Age.

***Picture Us in the Light**

by Kelly Loy Gilbert
(Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99) 2018
978-1-4847-2602-0
As he prepares to leave for art school on a scholarship, Chinese-American Danny, an artistically gifted high school senior, struggles to understand the secrets that are tearing his family apart. (14-16) Coming of Age.

Private Lessons

by Cynthia Salaysay
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-5362-0960-0
Seventeen-year-old Claire gets more than she bargained for when her protective Filipina mother agrees to let her take piano lessons with a prestigious, demanding male (White) teacher. (15-18) Mature content.
Coming of Age.

Rebel Seoul

by Axie Oh
(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$19.95) 2017
978-1-62014-299-8
In the year 2199: Lee Jaewon, ex-gang member and talented pilot, has worked his way through school. Now he wants only to prove his loyalty to the pan-Asian Neo State. (14-18) Science Fiction.

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Rebelwing

by Andrea Tang

(Razorbill/PRHm \$18.99) 2020

978-1-9848-3509-3

In a near-future dystopian Washington, D.C., Prudence Wu pilots a sentient mechanized dragon, joining the resistance against a totalitarian military-industrial complex. (13-16) Mature Content. Fantasy.

Song of the Crimson Flower

by Julie C. Dao

(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$18.99) 2019 978-1-524-73835-8

In this Vietnamese fantasy, orphaned Bao is placed under a spell. To break the curse, he begins a journey with Lan, the young woman he has loved from afar. (13-15) Fantasy.

***The Sun Is Also a Star**

by Nicola Yoon

(Delacorte Press/Random House/PRH, \$18.99) 2016 978-0-553-49668-0

An unlikely series of events unite Natasha, an undocumented Jamaican immigrant being deported, and Daniel, a Korean American going to a college admissions interview, changing both forever. (13-17) Coming of Age.

The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling

by Wai Chim

(Scholastic Press, \$18.99) 2020

978-1-338-65611-4

Chinese immigrant Anna in Australia contends with her mother's increasing mental illness, while confronting academic pressure at school and helping at the busy

restaurant that supports the family. (14-17) Coming of Age.

That Thing We Call a Heart

by Sheba Karim

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 2017

978-0-06-244570-4 2018 Finishing high school in New Jersey and preparing to go away to college, two Muslim Pakistani-American girls try to balance family loyalty with new romantic relationships. (14-18) Coming of Age.

There's Something about Sweetie

by Sandhya Menon

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

2019 978-1-5344-1678-9

Sweetie's traditional Indian parents have just declined an arranged date for her because they feel she's too heavy. Sweetie, however, has other plans. (13-16) Coming of Age.

This is My Brain In Love

by I.W. Gregorio

(Little, Brown & Company/BFYR, \$17.99)

2020 978-0-316-42382-3

Jocelyn, 16, feels overwhelmed by academic pressure and the failure of her family's Chinese restaurant. New hire Will secretly grapples with anxiety. Can they help each other? (14-17) Contemporary Issues.

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This Light Between Us: A Novel of World War II

by Andrew Fukuda illustrated by Euan Cook
(Tom Doherty Associates, \$17.99) 2020
978-1-250-19238-7

Japanese American internee Alex leaves Manzanar Relocation Center to enlist in an all-Nisei combat unit. He hopes to find his French Jewish pen-pal, who has disappeared. Black/white illustrations, back matter. (14-17) Historical Fiction.

***Under a Painted Sky**

by Stacey Lee
(Putnam Juvenile/Penguin, \$16.99) 2015
978-0-399-16803-1

Two girls, one (Black) on the run from enslavement and a Chinese American accused of murder, disguise themselves as boys as they set out on the Oregon Trail on a journey filled with danger, racism, and dreams. (14–18) Mature Content. Historical Fiction.

Warcross

by Marie Lu
(G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$18.99) 2017
978-0-399-54796-6

Hacker and virtual bounty hunter Emika Chen goes to work for the creator of a highly popular online video game to expose its security flaws. (13-17) Science Fiction.

The Way You Make Me Feel

by Maurene Goo
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 2018 978-0-374-30408-9

16-year-old Korean Brazilian American Clara is forced to spend the summer working on her father's food truck with

Rose, whom she hates. Can sharing responsibility turn these enemies into friends? (14-17) Coming of Age.

We Are Not Free

by Traci Chee, illustrated by Julia Kuo
(Houghton Mifflin & Harcourt, \$17.99)
2020 978-0-358-13143-4

Fourteen West Coast Japanese-American teenagers tell intertwining stories of their incarceration in internment camps during World War II. Archival photos and ink drawings. Back matter, maps. (14-17) Historical Fiction.

The Weight of Our Sky

by Hanna Alkaf
(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)
2019 978-1-5344-2608-5

Battling her own inner demons, Melati Ahmad, 16, is caught in the midst of fighting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1969. Can she return home safely? (13-17) Historical Fiction.

Why No Goodbye?

by Pamela L. Laskin
(Leapfrog Press, \$13.00) 2019
978-1-948585-06-4

When his mother escapes Myanmar with his siblings, a boy rages over his abandonment. How do the Rohingya survive the brutality in their world? Told in free verse. (13-17) Contemporary Issues.

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Wicked Fox

by Kat Cho

(G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$18.99) 2019
978-1-9848-1234-6

When 18-year-old Gu Miyoung, a Korean nine-tailed fox demon, saves the life of a human, her destiny is irrevocably altered. Glossary. (14-17) Fantasy.

***Written in the Stars**

by Aisha Saeed

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin, \$17.99)
2015 978-0-399-1717-0-3

When her conservative Pakistani parents discover that 17-year-old Naila is seeing a boy, they suddenly visit Pakistan where they try to force her into an arranged marriage. (13-17) Coming of Age.

***You Bring the Distant Near**

by Mitali Perkins

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 2017 978-0-374-30490-4

India, London, Queens, New Jersey: three generations of five very different Bengali women find their way in America. (13-17) Coming of Age.

NONFICTION

***Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir**

by Robin Ha, illustrated by author

(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$22.99) 2020
978-0-06-268510-0

Life in Alabama is difficult for Ha, 14, a South Korean immigrant. A comic drawing class helps her find the way forward. Colorful comic art. (13-16) Biography/Memoir. Graphic format.

The American Dream?: A Journey on Route 66 Discovering Dinosaur Statues, Muffler Men, and the Perfect Breakfast Burrito

written and illustrated by Shing Yin Khor
(Zest Books/Lerner Books, \$37.32) 2019
978-1-5415-7852-4

A young Malaysian American woman drives the entire length of Route 66 looking for an America that always seems to shift and change. Full-color graphics. (13-17) Mature Content Biography/Memoir.

Banned Book Club

by Kim Hyun Sook and Ryan Estrada [note: the Korean names of co-author and illustrator are presented Korean style, family name first] illustrated by Ko Hyung-Ju
(Iron Circus Comics, P \$15.00) 2020
978-1-945820-427

Joining a banned book club opens college student Kim Hyun Sook's eyes to political realities in the authoritarian regime of 1980s South Korea. Illustrations in Korean comics style(manhwa). (14-17) Biography/Memoir. Graphic format.

***Dragon Hoops**

by Gene Luen Yang; illustrated by Gene Luen Yang

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press, \$24.99)
2020 978-1-62672-079-4

The author describes how a graphic novel was created from the compelling story of a high school's drive to become basketball state champions. Extensive back matter. (13-16) Sports/Memoir. Graphic format.

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I. M. Pei: Architect of Time, Place, and Purpose

by Jill Rubalcaba

(Marshall Cavendish, \$23.99) 2011
978-0-7614-5973-6

This detailed account of how a great architect's masterpieces were planned and constructed is designed as elegantly as Pei's structures. Time line, sources, bibliography. (13-17) Biography/Memoir

Somebody Give This Heart a Pen

by Sophia Thakur (Candlewick Press,
\$16.99) 2020 978-1-5362-0992-1

This poetic exploration and search for personal identity is broken up into five growth cycles, examining themes such as family, friends, love, and race. The author is British, of Indian, Sri Lankan, and Indian descent. (13-16) Poetry.

Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience during World War II

by Albert Marrin

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House/PRH,
\$17.99) 2016 978-0-553-50936-6

This book examines early Japanese immigration to America and the forces that led to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Archival photos. (13-15) History.

We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls around the World

by Malala Yousafzai, with Liz Welch
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette,
\$18.99) 2019 978-0-316-52364-6

Pakistani Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala recounts her own story as a refugee and activist as well as those of 11 other girls fleeing violence and creating new lives. (13-16) Anthology.

