

The most beautiful thing

by Kao Kalia Yang ENF 305.89 YAN

Drawn from Kao Kalia Yang's childhood experiences as a Hmong refugee, this heartfelt picture book offers a window into the life of a family with little money and a great deal of love.



The fearless flights of Hazel Ying Lee

by Julie Leung ENF 920.9 LEE, H

Presents the life and career of Hazel Ying Lee, the first Chinese American woman to fly for the U.S. military. Hazel joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II.



Kamala Harris : rooted in justice

by Nikki Grimes ENF 923.27 HARRIS, K

A portrait of the senator and presidential candidate touches on her mixedheritage childhood as the daughter of immigrants and the long-fostered beliefs that inspired her work on behalf of equality, freedom and justice.



It began with a page: how Gyo Fujikawa drew the way

by Kyo Maclear ENF 927.6 FUJIKAW, G

The story of the Japanese-American picture book illustrator and activist for diversity and inclusion.



Meet Yasmin!

by Saadia Farugi ER FAR

In this compilation of four separately published books, Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.



Mr. Patel builds

by Fran Manushkin ER MAN

Katie Woo's class is invited to see a new house a classmate's father is building, where they learn the steps to building a house and even who the new homeowner is.



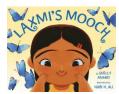
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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Reading List for Children

Featuring Asian American and Pacific Islander authors and themes.



Laxmi's mooch

by Shelly Anand **E ANA**

After Laxmi's friend Zoe points out the hairs on her lip, Laxmi is very self-conscious until her East Indian parents help her to accept and celebrate her appearance.



Juna's jar

by Jane Bahk **E BAH**

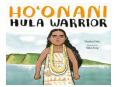
After her best friend moves away, Juna's brother tries to make her feel better by finding things to put in her special kimchi jar. Each night, what is in the jar takes her on a magical journey in search of Hector.



Hot pot night

by Vincent Chen E CHE

In a "Stone Soup" tale, nobody in the apartment building has enough ingredients for dinner, so a Taiwanese child suggests that they have a community hot pot night. Everybody contributes something, bringing their diverse community together for a delicious meal. Includes recipe.



Ho'onani : hula warrior

by Heather Gale **E GAL**

A tale based on a true story follows Ho'onani, a child who was born female but doesn't conform to either gender, who wants to lead the hula chant at school, a traditionally male role.



Leila in saffron

by Rukhsanna Guidroz E GUI

Shy and unsure of herself, Leila discovers all the things that make her special with the loving help of her Naani during visits for their culturally inspired weekly family dinner, where she learns about her heritage from the art and people of her world.



Eyes that kiss in the corners

by Joanna Ho E HO

A young Asian girl notices her eyes look different from her peers but by drawing from the strength of powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment.



Bindu's bindis

by Supriya Kelkar E KEL

A little girl loves her bindis, a connection to her Nani who lives in India. When Nani visits and brings new bindis to Bindu, it is just in time to wear something new to the school talent show.



The many colors of Harpreet Singh

by Supriya Kelkar E KEL

Harpreet, an East Indian American Sikh, has a different color patka, or turban head covering, for every mood and occasion. But when his mom finds a new job in a snowy city and they have to move, everything just feels gray.



Saffron ice cream

by Rashin Kheiriyeh E KHE

An Iranian immigrant girl living in New York, Rashin is excited by her first trip to Coney Island, and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs--but she misses the saffron flavored ice cream that she used to eat.



Danbi leads the school parade

by Anna Kim E KIM

Thrilled to start at her new school in America, she's a bit nervous when she renders her diverse class silent as the first Asian student most of them have ever seen. Danbi uses the power of her imagination to make friends, learn the rules and lead everyone during a fun-filled parade.



Cora cooks pancit

by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore E LAZ

When all her older siblings are away, Cora's mother finally lets her help make pancit, a Filipino noodle dish. Includes recipe for pancit.



Drawn together

by Minh Lê E LE

A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.



'Ohana means family

by Ilima Loomis E LO

In this cumulative rhyme in the style of "The House That Jack Built," a family celebrates Hawaii and its culture while serving poi at a luau.



Grandpa grumps

by Katrina Moore E MOO

When Daisy's Yeh-Yeh, visits from China, she does everything she can think of to make him smile and finally finds a way. Includes recipe.



Home is in between

by Mitali Perkins **E PER**

Immigrating to America, a young girl navigates between her family's Bengali traditions and her new country's culture.



A different pond

by Bao Phi **E PHI**

Bao Phi and his father wake up early in the morning to fish for food on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis and Bao's father tells him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.



Bilal cooks daal

by Aisha Saeed E SAE

Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done.



Watercress

by Andrea Wang **E WAN**

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents.



When the cousins came

by Katie Yamasaki **E YAM**

Even though Lila's cousins do some things extra special and differently, Lila loves when they come to visit and shows them some special things too.



Amy Wu and the perfect bao

by Kat Zhang E ZHA

Amy is determined to make perfect Chinese bao buns like her parents and grandmother do, but hers are always too empty, too full or not pinched together properly.