



Children's Booklist 2025: Celebrating Asian Characters

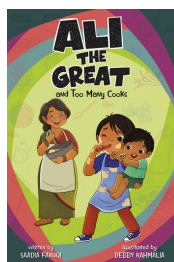
Early Chapter Books



Leela's Sweet Treats: Class Trip

by Ali Bovis

Leela and Liam want to visit their favorite spots at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on their class trip, but when their teacher and tour guide have different ideas, they realize that new discoveries can be just as sweet as old traditions.



Ali the Great and Too Many Cooks

by Saadia Faruqi

It is cooking day with Dadi, but Ali's little brother, Fateh, keeps getting in the way and annoying his brother.



Divya's Supersecret Plan

by Sita Jit

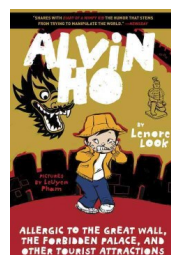
When a family friend requests to host her mehndi party at Divya's family's restaurant, Divya is eager to contribute, but when no one listens to her ideas, she sets out to prove herself, risking a potential disaster



Project Playground

by Carol Kim

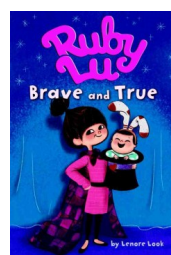
Jina's school is getting new playground equipment with no plans to include students in the decision on which equipment to get, so Jina decides to start a protest movement, leading to a climbing wall and a zip line for their school.



Alvin Ho : Allergic to the Great Wall, the Forbidden Palace, and Other Tourist Attractions

by Lenore Look

Second-grade Asian-American student Alvin Ho takes his fears to a whole new level while visiting relatives in China, where he struggles with unfamiliar foods, crowds, kung fu lessons and acupuncture.



Ruby Lu, Brave and True

by Lenore Look

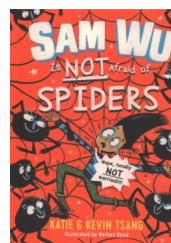
Between her protective parents, the bully down the street, and her accomplished brother, eight-year-old Ruby Lu has got a lot of issues to sort through in her young life.



Sona Sharma, a Friend Indeed

by Chitra Soundar

Sona's class is excited when Miss Rao announces that there will be an election for class leader. But when Pradeep, who is always boasting, says he would be the best choice, Sona stands up and volunteers to be a candidate too!



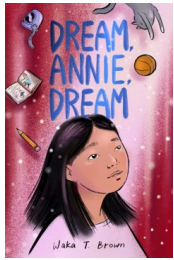
Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Spiders

by Katie Tsang

Hiding his secret terror of spiders, Sam Wu is challenged to live up to his fearless reputation when the class tarantula, escapes from the science lab.

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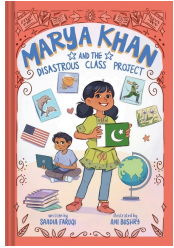
Fiction



Dream, Annie, Dream

by Waka T. Brown

When she lands a big role in the production of *The King and I*, Japanese American seventh grader Annie, belittled by her mostly white classmates, must rise above racism while chasing her dreams.



Marya Khan and the Disastrous Class Project

by Saadia Faruqi



Cincinnati Lee, Curse Breaker

by Heidi Heilig

When Cincinnati Lee learns about the ancient Spear of Destiny and its potential to right wrongs in her family's past, she embarks on a quest that takes her across New York City and to London and Paris, making friends and enemies along the way.



Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl

by Julie Kagawa

When a magical guardian uses him as a conduit to awaken its power, Shinji must turn to the esteemed Society of Explorers and Adventurers for help to elude the Hightower Corporation, that wants the magic for their own nefarious purposes.



Mihi Ever After

by Tae Keller

When she and her new friends discover a portal to a fairy tale realm, Mihi Whan Park finally gets her shot at being a princess, but she must decide where her loyalties lie when her friends want to go home.



Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai

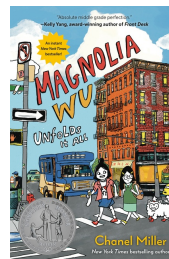
Feeling as out of place as if he landed on Mars when his family moves to an English-speaking country, 11-year-old Jingwen dreams about the cakes he would have baked with his late father, a hope that is challenged by his mother's strict kitchen safety rules.



Measuring Up

by Lily Lamotte

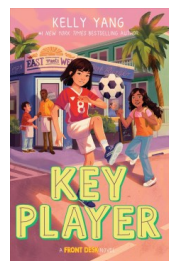
Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, twelve-year-old Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.



Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All

by Chanel Miller

Down at the bottom of the tall buildings of New York City, Magnolia Wu sits inside her parents' laundromat. She has pinned every lost sock from the laundromat onto a bulletin board in hopes that customers will return to retrieve them. When Iris, a new friend from California, arrives, they set off across the city to solve the mystery of each missing sock.



Key Player : a Front Desk novel

by Kelly Yang

When Mia falls short of the grade she needs to earn a spot at journalism camp, she comes up with a plan to track down the Women's World Cup finalists, interview them, and earn an A, but tracking down the team is harder than she thought.



A Copycat Conundrum

by Lisa Yee

When one of their classmates starts receiving threatening notes, the Misfits investigate and uncover ties to an art forgery scheme.



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