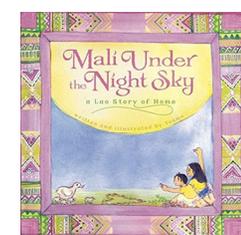


ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PICTURE BOOK PICKS

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER EARLY READER PICKS

Mali Under the Night Sky: A Lao Story of Home by Youme

Mali's family flees from war in Laos, and she reflects on her sun-dappled memories of home in an uncertain time.



Danby Leads the School Parade by Anna Kim

Danby is new in class, and finds things very different from her school in Korea. Although she is overwhelmed at first, her friendly and creative nature leads to fun new friendships.



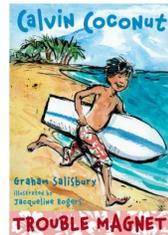
The Major Eights: Battle of the Bands by Melody Reed

Jasmine and her friends are excited to team up to perform in a music competition. Will they be able to overcome their nerves and play at the Battle of the Bands?



The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy

Rahul Kapoor wants to impress his classmates and protect himself from bullies by being the best at something, but being a star can't keep him from accepting who he really is.

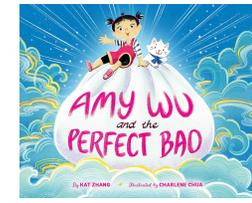
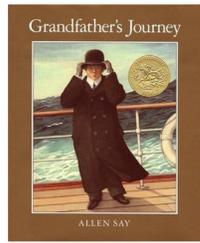


Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet by Graham Salisbury, Illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers

Calvin lives in Hawaii and tries to navigate the ups and downs of fourth grade. With a school bully, tough teacher, and a new teenage girl living in his house, he has a lot to manage.

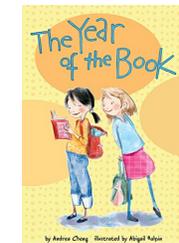
Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say

This is an award-winning autobiographical story where Say's grandfather experiences an array of emotions during his immigration from Japan to the United States.



Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao By Katrina Moore, Illustrated by Xindi Yang

Amy is bound and determined to create beautiful bao buns like the rest of her family members. Will she succeed?



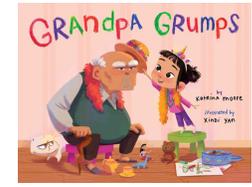
The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

Anna loves her books and escaping into a great story. Real life is little trickier to figure out. How can she make and become a true friend?



Stargazing Illustrated by Jen Wang

In this graphic novel, Christine meets a free-spirited new neighbor named Moon and they soon become the best of friends, despite being total opposites. Can their friendship survive social expectations and medical problems?



Grandpa Grumps By Katrina Moore, Illustrated by Xindi Yang

Daisy's grandpa Yeh Yeh is visiting from China, but he's harder to connect with than she expected. Will she be able to make him smile by the end of his trip?

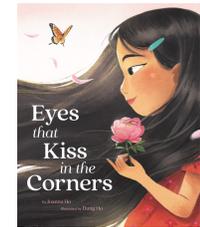
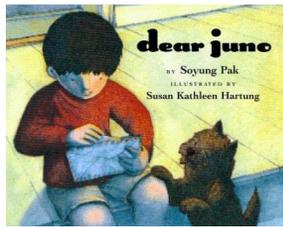


The Most Beautiful Thing by Kao Kalia Yang, Illustrated by Khoa Le

A Hmong refugee girl's love for her grandmother leads to understanding a self-acceptance.

Dear Juno by Soyung Pak, Illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung

Juno, a Korean-American boy, exchanges letters with his grandmother in Seoul despite language barriers.

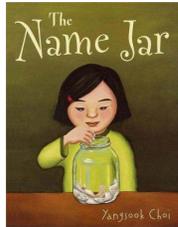


Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho, Illustrated by Dung Ho

A girl embraces her unique beauty through references to Chinese mythology and cultural heritage.

The Name Jar by Yansook Choi

Unhei just moved to the US from Korea, and announces to her class that she needs an American name. Her classmates offer suggestions, but maybe she already had the best choice.



HO'ONANI HULA WARRIOR

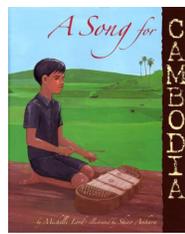


Ho'onani: Hula Warrior By Heather Gale, Illustrated by Mika Song

Ho'onani identifies as mhh, an ancient Hawaiian term for someone in between genders. Will she find success in a school hula chant traditionally reserved for males?

A Song for Cambodia
by Michelle Lord

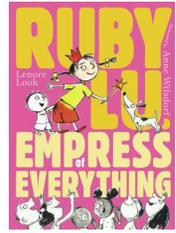
Arn's childhood was joyful until Khmer Rouge invaded his village and he was taken to a children's work camp. While at the camp, Arn learned to play the khim and changed the path of his life.



**ASIAN AMERICAN AND
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MIDDLE GRADE
PICKS**

The House That Lou Built
by Mae Respcio

13 year old Lou has a project: she's building a tiny house on the land inherited from her late father. Unfortunately, she learns her mom received an out-of-state job offer, and she might have to leave the house, her friends, and her close Filipino family behind.



Ruby Lu: Empress of Everything
by Lenore Look
Illustrated by Ann Wilsdorf

When Ruby Lu's cousin Flying Duck moves in with her family, she thought the new friend was exciting. With summer school, swimming lessons, Chinese Sign Language, and a stray dog, can she really handle all the new changes?

Stand Up Yumi Chung!
by Jessica Kim

Korean American Yumi is an aspiring comedian. Although she's supposed to be studying at a summer test-prep program, a case of mistaken identity lands her a place at a comedy camp run by a favorite YouTuber.

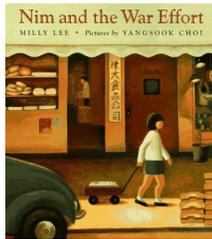


The Land of Forgotten Girls
by Erin Entrada Kelly

Soledad and Ming are two sisters from the Philippines. After they are abandoned by their dad to live with their impoverished stepmom in Louisiana, they must be each other's hope.

Nim and the War Effort
by Milly Lee
Pictures by Yansook Choi

Nim lives in San Francisco's Chinatown during WWII. She wants to win a school newspaper drive, organized to help the troops. This leads her to actions that are sometimes at odds with her strict grandfather's rules.

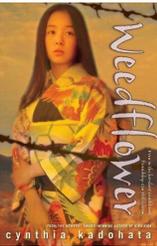


Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers
by Shauna Holyoak

Dogs are disappearing in Denver, and Kazu Jones is on the case. Will she be able to save the kidnapped canines - including her neighbor's beloved pet?

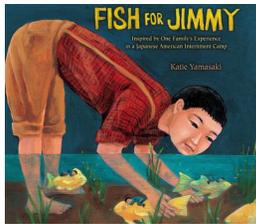
Weedflower
by Cynthia Kadohata

Sumiko, age 12, is moved from California to an internment camp with her Japanese American family after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The camp is on a Mohave reservation in Arizona, and it's a traumatic move for everyone involved. Will she find her place and purpose?



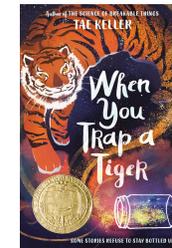
Fish for Jimmy
by Andrea Cheng

Jimmy, Taro and their family are taken to a Japanese internment camp. When Jimmy stops eating because there is no fish at mealtime, Taro goes on a dangerous mission to save his brother's life.



Front Desk
by Kelly Yang

Mia Tang's parents manage the Calavista Motel, and they're also secretly hiding immigrants from the mean owner in the empty rooms. While helping out with the front desk and troublesome guests, will Mia also be able to pursue her dream of being a writer?

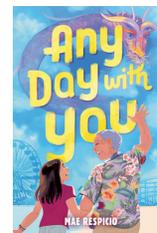


When You Trap a Tiger
by Tae Keller

Lily makes a deal with a magical tiger to save her treasured grandmother. Fantastical elements blend with modern American life as she goes on a quest to gather stolen Korean folktales.

Mika: My New Life
by Kyla May

Mika is excited to join the Lotus Lane Girls Club, and there's a surprise pajama party! Can she manage all of the LLGC activities, troublemaker Katy Krupski, and a new neighbor?

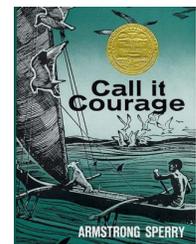


Any Day with You
by Mae Respcio

Kaia's grandfather has lived with her family in Santa Monica for her whole life, so it's a major blow when he announces he'll be returning to his homeland in the Philippines. At camp, she works on a film based on his Filipino folktales, in hopes that she can convince him to stay.

Lola: A Ghost Story
by Jay Torres & Elbert Or

Jesse never knew his Filipino grandmother (Lola in Tagalog), but it appears he has inherited some of her ability to see ghosts and monsters from folklore in this spooky graphic novel about self discovery and family.

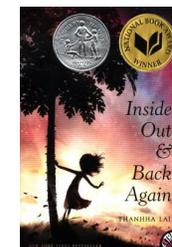


Call it Courage
by Armstrong Sperry

Maftu must overcome his fear of the sea in this Polynesian legend. His people deeply value courage, and he goes off to conquer his fears and earn the title of Stout Heart through a series of oceanic challenges.

Bone Talk
by Candy Gourlay

Set during the U.S. invasion of the Philippines, 10 year old Samkad must find Kinyo, a boy who's soul is tied to his own. Overcoming prejudice and violence, he'll learn what it means to be a man.



Inside Out & Back Again
by Thanhha Lai

Written in free-verse poems, Hà leaves her homeland of Saigon during the Vietnam War and immigrates to Alabama. Confronted with prejudice and culture shock, the unexpectedly funny 10 year old has to learn the lay of the land and how to make a new life for herself.