

# Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

These are some of our favorite middle grade and YA books that celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander American stories. We have tried to include titles that represent as many voices as possible, but this list is by no means exhaustive. It is worth noting that #OwnVoices titles by native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are not widely available in the United States.

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## Middle Grade



### ***Contemporary/Realistic Fiction***

- [Amal Unbound](#), by Aisha Saeed
- [American as Paneer Pie](#), by Supriya Kelkar
- [Amina's Voice](#) and [Amina's Song](#), by Hena Khan
- [Any Day With You](#), by Mae Respicio
- [The Best at It](#), by Maulik Pancholy
- [The Bridge Home](#), by Padma Venkatraman
- [The Comeback: A Figure Skating Novel](#), by E.L. Shen
- [Finding Junie Kim](#), by Ellen Oh
- [Front Desk](#) and [Three Keys](#), by Kelly Yang
- [The Henna Wars](#), by Adiba Jaigirdar
- [Listen, Slowly](#), by Thanhà Lai
- [Other Words for Home](#), by Jasmine Warga
- [Red, White & Whole](#), by Rajani LaRocca
- [Rickshaw Girl](#), by Mitali Perkins
- [Stand Up, Yumi Chung!](#), by Jessica Kim
- [A Thousand Questions](#), by Saadia Faruqi
- [Unsettled](#), by Reem Faruqi

### ***Adventure/Fantasy/Science Fiction***

- [Aru Shah and the End of Time](#) (series), by Roshani Chokshi
- [City of the Plague God](#), by Sarwat Chadda
- [The Dragon Egg Princess](#), by Ellen Oh
- [Dragon Pearl](#), by Yoon Ha Lee
- [Girl Giant and the Monkey King](#), by Van Hoang
- [Lalani of the Distant Sea](#), by Erin Entrada Kelly
- [The Last Fallen Star](#), by Graci Kim
- [Peasprout Chen: Future Legend of Skate and Sword](#) (series), by Henry Lien
- [The Serpent's Secret \(Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond\)](#) (series), by Sayantani DasGupta
- [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon](#), [Starry River of the Sky](#), and [When the Sea Turned to Silver](#), by Grace Lin
- [A Wish in the Dark](#), by Christina Soontornvat

### ***Graphic Novels***

- [Measuring Up](#), by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu
- [Pie in the Sky](#), by Remy Lai

### ***Historical Fiction***

- [Inside Out & Back Again](#), by Thanhà Lai
- [The Night Diary](#), by Veera Hiranandani
- [Prairie Lotus](#), by Linda Sue Park

### ***LGBTQIAAP+***

- [The Best at It](#), by Maulik Pancholy
- [The Henna Wars](#), by Adiba Jaigirdar
- [Peasprout Chen: Future Legend of Skate and Sword](#) (series), by Henry Lien

### ***Magical Realism***

- [Midsummer's Mayhem](#), by Rajani LaRocca
- [When You Trap a Tiger](#), by Tae Keller

## Young Adult

### **Contemporary/Realistic Fiction**

- [American Betiya](#), by Anuradha D. Rajurkar
- [American Panda](#) and [Our Wayward Fate](#), by Gloria Chao
- [The Bone People](#), by Keri Hulme
- [Darius the Great is Not Okay](#) and [Darius the Great Deserves Better](#), by Adib Khorram
- [From Little Tokyo, with Love](#), by Sarah Kuhn
- [I'll Be the One](#), by Lyla Lee
- [It's Not Like It's a Secret](#), by Misa Sugiura
- [The Knockout](#), by Sajni Patel
- [The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali](#) and [Zara Hossain is Here](#), by Sabina Khan
- [Love, Hate & Other Filters](#) and [Mad, Bad & Dangerous to Know](#), by Samira Ahmed
- [Loveboat, Taipei](#), by Abigail Hing Wen
- [Picture Us in the Light](#) and [When We Were Infinite](#), by Kelly Loy Gilbert
- [Parachutes](#), by Kelly Yang
- [Patron Saints of Nothing](#), by Randy Ribay
- [The Science of Breakable Things](#), by Tae Keller
- [Starfish](#), by Akemi Dawn Bowman
- [This Time Will Be Different](#), by Misa Sugiura
- [Tokyo Ever After](#), by Emiko Jean
- [The Whale Rider](#), by Witi Ihimaera
- [Yolk](#), by Mary H.K. Choi
- [You Bring the Distant Near](#), by Mitali Perkins

## Adventure/Dystopia/Fantasy/Magical Realism/Science Fiction



- [The Astonishing Color of After](#), by Emily X.R. Pan
- [The Candle and the Flame](#), by Nafiza Azad
- [The Epic Crush of Genie Lo](#) and [The Iron Will of Genie Lo](#), by F.C. Yee
- [An Ember in the Ashes](#) (series), by Sabaa Tahir
- [The Infinity Courts](#), by Akemi Dawn Bowman
- [Internment](#), by Samira Ahmed
- [The Ones We're Meant to Find](#), by Joan He
- [Silver Phoenix: Beyond the Kingdom of Xia](#), by Cindy Pon
- [Spin the Dawn](#) (series), by Elizabeth Lim
- [The Tiger at Midnight](#) (series), by Swati Teerdhala
- Titles by [Marie Lu](#) (several series!)
- [We Hunt the Flame](#) (series), by Hafsa Faizal
- [Wicked Fox](#) (series), by Kat Cho

## Graphic Novels



- [Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir](#), by Robin Ha (nonfiction)
- [American Born Chinese](#), by Gene Luen Yang (fiction)
- [Displacement](#), by Kiku Hughes (fiction)
- [Dragon Hoops](#), by Gene Luen Yang (nonfiction)
- [Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me](#), by Mariko Tamaki (fiction)
- [The Magic Fish](#), by Trung Le Nguyen (fiction)

- [Pashmina](#), by Nidhi Chanani (fiction)
- [The Prince and the Dressmaker](#), by Jen Wang (fiction)
- [They Called Us Enemy](#), by George Takei (nonfiction)

## Historical Fiction



- [Butterfly Yellow](#), by Thanhha Lai
- [Displacement](#), by Kiku Hughes (graphic novel)
- [The Forest of Stolen Girls](#) and [The Silence of Bones](#), by June Hur
- [Last Night at the Telegraph Club](#), by Malinda Lo
- [Luck of the Titanic](#), [The Downstairs Girl](#), [Under a Painted Sky](#), and [Outrun the Moon](#), by Stacey Lee
- [The Magnolia Sword: A Ballad of Mulan](#), by Sherry Thomas
- [We Are Not Free](#), by Traci Chee
- [The Weight of Our Sky](#), by Hanna Alkaf

## LGBTQIAAP+



- [Darius the Great is Not Okay](#) and [Darius the Great Deserves Better](#), by Adib Khorram
- [Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating](#), by Adiba Jaigirdar
- [It's Not Like It's a Secret](#) and [Love & Other Natural Disasters](#), by Misa Sugiura
- [Last Night at the Telegraph Club](#), by Malinda Lo
- [Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me](#), by Mariko Tamaki (graphic novel)
- [The Magic Fish](#), by Trung Le Nguyen (graphic novel)

- [Meet Cute Diary](#), by Emery Lee
- [Picture Us in the Light](#), by Kelly Loy Gilbert
- [Tell Me Again How a Crush Should Feel](#), by Sara Farizan (Nobles author!)

## Romance



- [Anna K: A Love Story](#) and [Anna K Away](#), by Jenny Lee
- [Counting Down with You](#), by Tashie Bhuiyan
- [Emergency Contact](#) and [Permanent Record](#), by Mary H.K. Choi
- [The Epic Crush of Genie Lo](#), by F.C. Yee
- [Frankly in Love](#), by David Yoon
- [Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating](#), by Adiba Jaigirdar
- [It's Not Like It's a Secret](#) and [Love & Other Natural Disasters](#), by Misa Sugiura
- [Made in Korea](#), by Sarah Suk
- [A Match Made in Mehendi](#), by Nandini Bajpai
- [Meet Cute Diary](#), by Emery Lee
- [More Than Just a Pretty Face](#), by Syed M. Masood
- [A Phở Love Story](#), by Loan Le
- [Rent a Boyfriend](#), by Gloria Chao
- [Symptoms of a Heartbreak](#), by Sona Charaipotra
- [A Taste for Love](#), by Jennifer Yen
- [Tell Me Again How a Crush Should Feel](#), by Sara Farizan (Nobles author!)
- [To All the Boys I've Loved Before](#) (series), by Jenny Han
- [The Way You Make Me Feel](#), [I Believe in a Thing Called Love](#), and [Somewhere Only We Know](#), by Maurene Goo
- [When Dimple Met Rishi](#) (series), by Sandhya Menon
- [Wicked Fox](#) (series), by Kat Cho