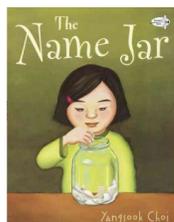




Children's Booklist 2021: Diverse Books - Asian Characters

Ages 3-12



The Name Jar

by Yangsook Choi

After Unhei moves from Korea to the United States, she is anxious for her new classmates to like her, so to find a name they can more easily pronounce, they decide to help her by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from.

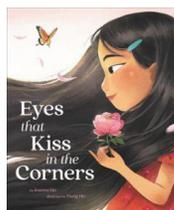


Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen

by Debbi Michiko Florence

A debut entry in a chapter book series featuring a spunky Japanese-American heroine finds messy 8-year-old Jasmine Toguchi wanting to do something unique in response to the fact that her older sister always gets to go first, a desire that leads to an opportunity during the mochi rice

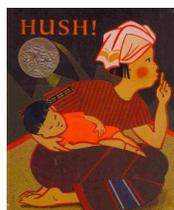
preparations for New Year.



Eyes that Kiss in the Corners

by Joanna Ho

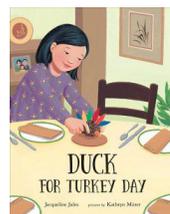
A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers but by drawing from the strength of the powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment.



Hush! A Thai Lullaby

by Minfong Ho

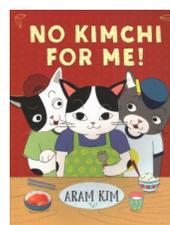
A lullaby which asks animals, such as a lizard, monkey, and water-buffalo, to be quiet and not disturb the sleeping baby.



Duck for Turkey Day

by Jacqueline Jules

When Tuyet finds out that her Vietnamese family is having duck rather than turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, she is upset until she finds out that other children in her class did not eat turkey either.



No Kimchi for Me!

by Aram Kim

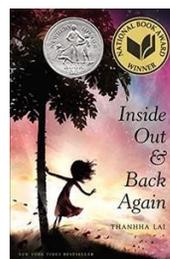
Yoomi does not like the taste of spicy kimchi, but when Grandma makes kimchi pancakes, Yoomi considers changing her mind.



Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

Reworking mortifying memories about her perpetual shyness and cross-cultural realities into comedy gold, an aspiring comedienne accidentally lands in a comedy camp under the instruction of a favorite celebrity.



Inside Out & Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

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Bringing in the New Year

by Grace Lin

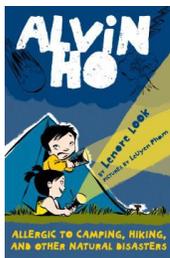
A Chinese American family prepares for and celebrates the Lunar New Year.



The Year of the Dog: A Novel

by Grace Lin

It's the Chinese year of the dog! When Pacy's mom tells her that this is a good year for friends, family, and "finding herself," Pacy, a Taiwanese American girl, begins searching right away.



Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters

by Lenore Look

When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.



Ruby Lu, Brave and True

by Lenore Look

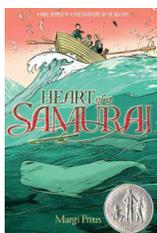
Between her protective parents, the bully down the street, and her accomplished brother, eight-year-old Ruby Lu has got a lot of issues to sort through in her young life.



A Different Pond

by Bao Phi

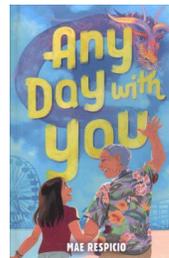
Bao Phi and his father wake up early in the morning to fish for food on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis and Bao's father tells him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.



Heart of a Samurai

by Margi Preus

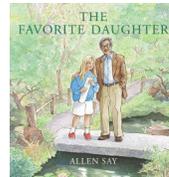
In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck, Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.



Any Day with You

by Mae Respicio

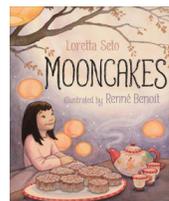
Kaia aspires to win a filmmaking contest by making a movie inspired by Filipino folktales in the hope of convincing her grandfather to stay in California and not move back to the Philippines.



The Favorite Daughter

by Allen Say

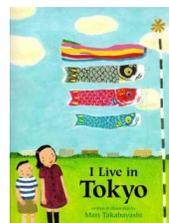
Teased for her unusual name and half-Japanese ancestry, little Yuriko takes walks in Golden Gate Park and shares a sushi lunch with her father, who encourages her to find pride and inspiration in her uniqueness.



Mooncakes

by Loretta Seto

A little girl celebrates the Chinese Moon Festival with her parents who tell her three legends about the moon while they eat mooncakes and drink tea.



I Live in Tokyo

by Mari Takabayashi

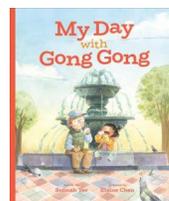
Experience a year-in-the-life of Momiko, a seven-year-old Japanese girl living in Tokyo, as she describes the sights and sounds of her city, the food she enjoys eating, her native celebrations, and more.



Front Desk

by Kelly Yang

After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a motel, despite the nasty owner, Mr. Yao, who exploits them, while she works the front desk and copes with fitting in at her school.



My Day with Gong Gong

by Sennah Yee

A day in Chinatown takes an unexpected turn when a bored little girl makes a connection with her grandpa.



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