



Children's Booklist 2022: Celebrating Asian Characters

Early Chapter Books



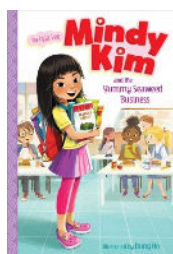
Geraldine Pu and her cat hat, too!

by Maggie P. Chang
Geraldine Pu thinks her hair is boring and uses her cat shaped hat to cover it, but after she tries to copy her grandmother's hair with disastrous results, Geraldine learns to embrace her individuality.



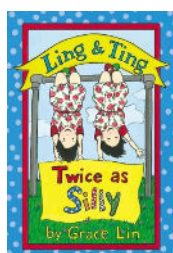
Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen

by Debbi Michiko Florence
A debut entry in a chapter book series featuring a spunky Japanese-American heroine. Jasmine Toguchi wants 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.



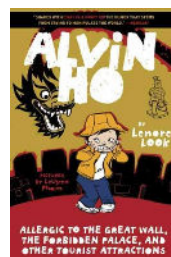
Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business

by Lyla Lee
Mindy Kim wants to fit in at her new school, but her favorite lunch leads to scorn, then a thriving business, and finally big trouble.



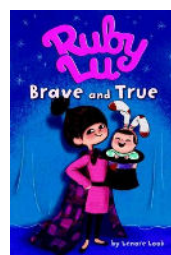
Ling & Ting : Twice as Silly

by Grace Lin
A fun-loving pair of Asian-American twins share six of their favorite stories in a skill-building reader that incorporates puns, jokes and words with multiple meanings. By the award-winning creator of Dumpling Days.



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.



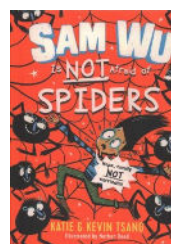
Ruby Lu, Brave and True

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.



Katie Woo's Neighborhood

by Fran Manushkin
Katie Woo loves her community. But it's not just the parks, stores, and services that make the neighborhood great--it's the all of the people who build the community and make it work. With every new neighbor Katie meets, she's inspired to find new ways to be an awesome neighbor herself!



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 pet, a tarantula, escapes from the science lab.

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Fiction



The Serpent's Secret (Series)

by Sayantani DasGupta

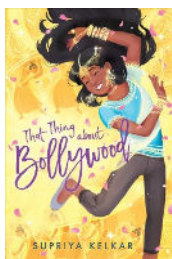
When her parents disappear and a demon appears in her kitchen, Kiranmala, who believed herself to be an ordinary sixth-grader, finds herself in another dimension where there is magic, winged horses, and talking birds.



Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl

by Julie Kagawa

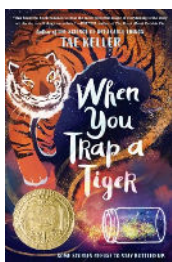
When a magical guardian uses him as a conduit to awaken its power, Shinji must turn to the esteemed Society of Explorers and Adventurers for help to elude the Hightower Corporation, that wants the magic for their own nefarious purposes, before it's too late.



That Thing About Bollywood

by Supriya Kelkar

An Indian American girl who would bury her feelings about her parents' separation involuntarily breaks into a Bollywood song-and-dance routine before waking up to an alternate reality where everyone is behaving like a Bollywood character.



When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

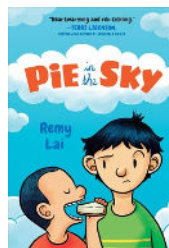
Moving with her parents into the home of her sick grandmother, young Lily forges a complicated pact with a magical tiger, in a story inspired by Korean folktales. **Winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal.**



Stand up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

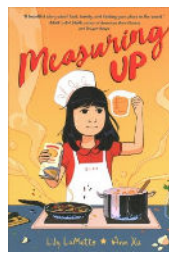
When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.



Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai

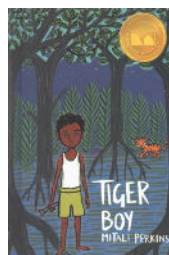
Feeling as out of place as if he landed on Mars when his family moves to an English-speaking country, 11-year-old Jingwen dreams about the cakes he would have baked with his late father, a hope that is challenged by his mother's strict kitchen safety rules.



Measuring Up

by Lily Lamotte

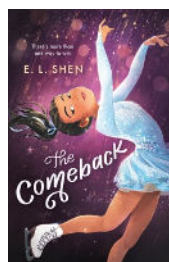
Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, twelve-year-old Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.



Tiger Boy

by Mitali Perkins

A tiger cub has escaped from a reserve in the Sunderbans in West Bengal, India, and Neel, a poor boy from the islands, is determined to find her in order to save her from being captured and sold on the black market by Mr. Gupta and his men.



The Comeback

by E. L. Shen

Twelve-year-old Maxine Chen dreams of being a figure skating champion, but a remarkably talented new girl at the arena and a racist classmate at school test her resolve.



New from Here

by Kelly Yang

Moving from Hong Kong to California due to the coronavirus, 10-year-old Knox Wei-Evans, as racism skyrockets during COVID-19, and his family struggle to stay together and stand up to hate, while finding his place in his new country.



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