



Children's Booklist 2022: Celebrating Asian Characters

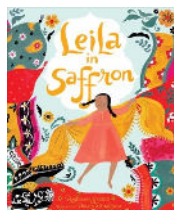
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I Am Golden

by Eva Chen

This moving ode to the immigrant experience, as well as a manifesto of self-love for Chinese American children, is a jubilant celebration of accepting who you are.



Leila in Saffron

by Rukhsanna Guidroz

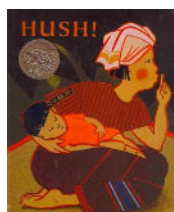
A colorful journey of self-discovery and identity follows the experiences of a little girl who visits her grandmother's house for their culturally inspired weekly family dinner, where she learns about her heritage from the art and people of her world.



Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

by Joanna Ho

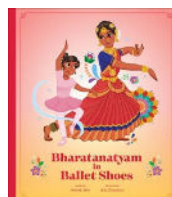
A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers but by drawing from the strength of the powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. Sequel available *Eyes that Speak to the Stars*.



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.



Bharatanatyam in Ballet Shoes

by Mahak Jain

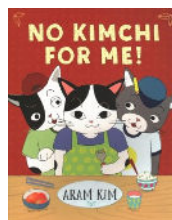
Paro comes from a dancing family. At home, she dances Bharatanatyam with her mom, and now she's excited to learn ballet. But what if she can't dance like the other kids in her class? Ballerinas move like fairies, while Bharatanatyam dancers seem like queens. Paro can't be both...can she?



The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh

by Supriya Kelkar

Harpreet Singh has a different color patka for every occasion, from pink for dancing to bhangra beats to red for courage. But when Harpreet's mom finds a new job and the family has to move, he finds himself choosing white over and over--all he wants is to be invisible. Will he ever feel a happy sunny yellow again?



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.



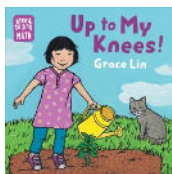
Dim Sum for Everyone!

by Grace Lin

A child describes the various little dishes of dim sum that she and her family enjoy on a visit to a restaurant in Chinatown, in a story that includes a simple explanation and history of Chinese dim sum at the end.

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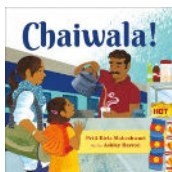


Up to my Knees!

by Grace Lin

Mei plants a seed and watches it grow. Soon the little plant is up to her toes, then her knees, then her waist. How tall will it get?

Engages young children in exploring informal measurement. Part of the Storytelling Math board book series.



Chaiwala!

by Priti Birla Maheshwari

When their train makes a ten-minute stop at the station in Jaipur, a young girl and her mother hurry to get in line for a cup of chai.

The girl orders two cups, and then delights in watching the chaiwala at work.

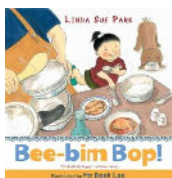


Grandpa Grumps

by Katrina Moore

Planning all kinds of activities to share with her Yeh-Yeh when he visits from China for the first time, young Daisy is disappointed by

her grandfather's grumpy demeanor and tries all sorts of ways to make him smile.



Bee-bim Bop!

by Linda Sue Park

In bouncy, rhyming text, a hungry Korean-American child tells about helping her mother make bee-bim bop--a traditional Korean dish of rice, meat, and vegetables.



A Different Pond

by Bao Phi

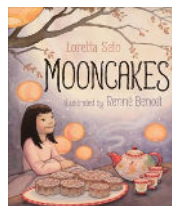
Bao Phi and his father wake up early in the morning to fish for food on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis and Bao's father tells him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.



Festival of Colors

by Kabir Sehgal

Siblings Chintoo and Mintoo gather flowers and make colorful powders in anticipation of India's springtime celebration of Holi.



Mooncakes

by Loretta Seto

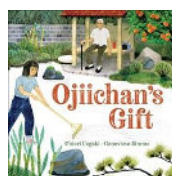
A little girl celebrates the Chinese Moon Festival with her parents who tell her three legends about the moon while they eat mooncakes and drink tea.



When Lola Visits

by Michelle Sterling

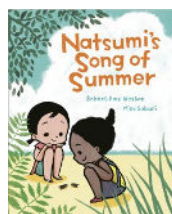
For one young girl, summer is the season of days spent at the pool, and of picking golden limes off the trees. But summer doesn't start until her grandmother from the Philippines comes for her annual visit.



Ojichan's Gift

by Chieri Uegaki

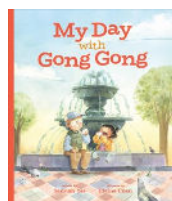
Every year when Mayumi and her family visit Japan, she and her grandfather tend a garden made only of gravel and stones, but when her grandfather grows too old to care for the garden, Mayumi gives him a gift they both can cherish.



Natsumi's Song of Summer

by Robert Paul Weston

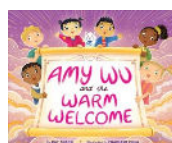
This sweet and gentle picture book celebrates summer in Japan, as one little girl shares her love for insects with her cousin who is visiting from America.



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.



Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome

by Kat Zhang

Amy Wu does her best to make her new classmate feel welcome in this warmhearted and playfully illustrated follow-up picture book to *Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao* and *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon*.



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