



Children's Booklist 2023: Celebrating Asian Characters

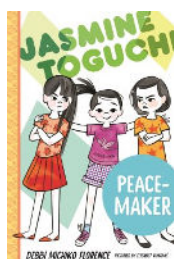
Early Chapter Books



Leela's Sweet Treats: Class Trip

by Ali Bovis

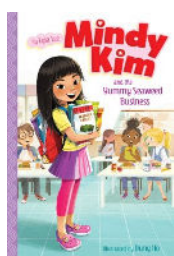
Leela and Liam want to visit their favorite spots at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on their class trip, but when their teacher and tour guide have different ideas, they realize that new discoveries can be just as sweet as old traditions.



Jasmine Toguchi, Peace-maker

by Debbi Michiko Florence

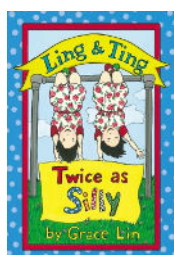
Traveling with her family to Hiroshima to visit her grandma and cousin Akari, 8-year-old Jasmine experiences jealousy when Akari only wants to play with her sister, which threatens to upend their visit, until she has a change of heart.



Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business

by Lyla Lee

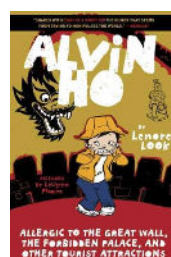
Mindy Kim wants to fit in at her new school, but her favorite lunch leads to scorn, then a thriving business, and finally big trouble.



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

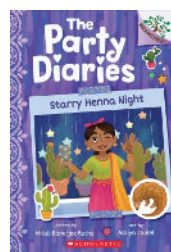
Second-grade Asian-American student Alvin Ho takes his fears to a whole new level while visiting relatives in China, where he struggles with unfamiliar foods, crowds, kung fu lessons and acupuncture.



Ruby Lu, Brave and True

by Lenore Look

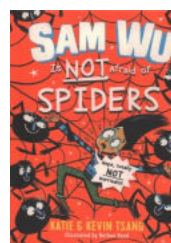
Between her protective parents, the bully down the street, and her accomplished brother, eight-year-old Ruby Lu has got a lot of issues to sort through in her young life.



The Party Diaries: Starry Henna Night

by Mitali Banerjee Ruths

When eight-year-old Priya is hired to do a henna night for a teenage party, she and her friend Melissa are worried their ideas might be too babyish for the older girls.



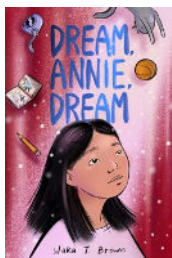
Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Spiders

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.

Celebrating Asian Characters

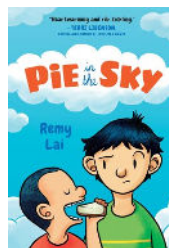
Fiction



Dream, Annie, Dream

by Waka T. Brown

When she lands a big role in the production of *The King and I*, Japanese American seventh grader Annie, belittled by her mostly white classmates, must rise above racism while chasing her dreams.



Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai

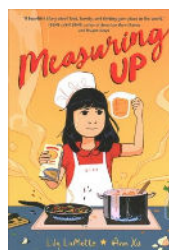
Feeling as out of place as if he landed on Mars when his family moves to an English-speaking country, 11-year-old Jingwen dreams about the cakes he would have baked with his late father, a hope that is challenged by his mother's strict kitchen safety rules.



The Serpent's Secret

by Sayantani DasGupta

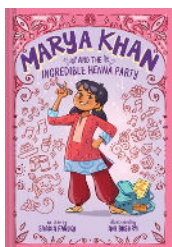
When her parents disappear and a demon appears in her kitchen, Kiranmala, who believed herself to be an ordinary sixth-grader, finds herself in another dimension where there is magic, winged horses, and talking birds.



Measuring Up

by Lily Lamotte

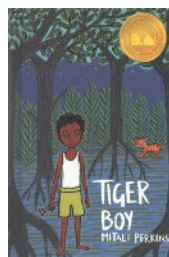
Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, twelve-year-old Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.



Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party

by Saadia Faruqi

With her eighth birthday coming up, Marya claims she is having an epic henna party, so now she must convince her family to make it happen and work to pull it off, but everything Marya does seems to end in disaster.



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.



Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coat

by Julie Kagawa

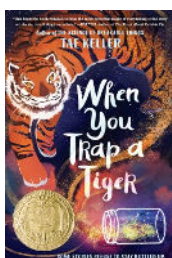
When a magical guardian uses him as a conduit to awaken its power, Shinji must turn to the esteemed Society of Explorers and Adventurers for help to elude the Hightower Corporation, that wants the magic for their own nefarious purposes.



Maizy Chen's Last Chance

by Lisa Yee

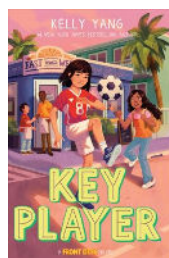
In *Last Chance*, Minnesota, with her family, Maizy spends her time at the Golden Palace, the restaurant that's been in her family for generations, where she makes some discoveries requiring her to go on a search for answers.



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.



Key Player : a Front Desk novel

by Kelly Yang

When Mia falls short of the grade she needs to earn a spot at journalism camp, she comes up with a plan to track down the Women's World Cup finalists, interview them, and earn an A, but tracking down the team is harder than she thought.



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