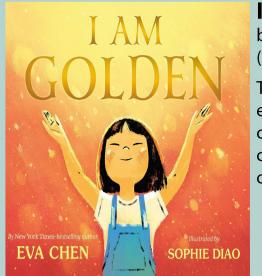
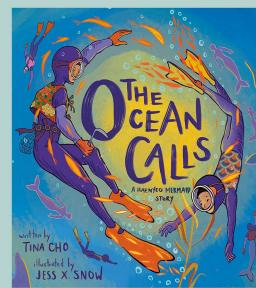
# Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month



#### I Am Golden

by Eva Chen (ages: 4 - 6)

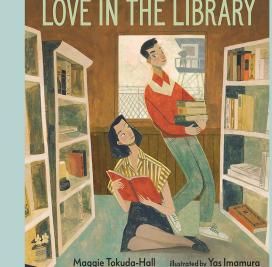
This moving ode to the immigrant experience, as well as a manifesto of self-love for Chinese American children, is a jubilant celebration of accepting who you are.



#### The Ocean Calls: A **Haenyeo Mermaid Story**

by Tina Cho (ages: 5 - 8)

A breathtaking picture book featuring a Korean girl and her haenyeo (free diving) grandmother about intergenerational bonds, finding courage in the face of fear, and connecting with our natural world.



#### **Love In The Library**

by Maggie Tokuda-Hall (ages: 6 - 9)

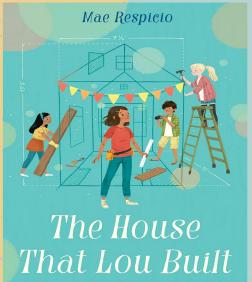
Set in an incarceration camp where the United States cruelly detained Japanese Americans during WWII and based on true events, this moving love story finds hope in heartbreak.



#### **New From Here**

by Kelly Yang (ages: 8 - 12)

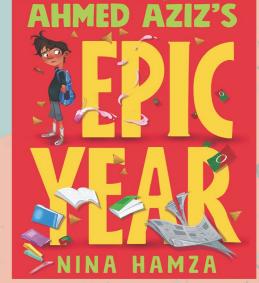
Drawing deeply from her own family's experiences, Yang (the Front Desk series) pens a tender, resonant narrative following the Wei-Evans, an American family living in Hong Kong when news of Covid-19 arises in January 2020.



#### The House That Lou Built

by Mae Respicio (ages: 8 - 12)

The Tiny House movement, Filipino culture, and the need for a place to call home intersect in this pitchperfect middle-grade chapter book. Lou Busolan-Nelson is a mixed-race Filipina character who will steal your heart.

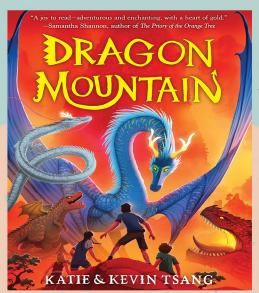


### **Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year**

by Nina Hamza

(ages: 8+)

Moving from Hawaii to Minnesota, Ahmed Aziz is having the worst year until he deals with bullies, makes new friends, and uncovers his family's past - all while finding himself in three books assigned for his English class.



#### **Dragon Mountain**

by Katie and Kevin Tsang (ages: 8+)

When 12-year-old Billy Chan finds out his parents are sending him to a language and culture camp in middle-of-nowhere China, he can't imagine anything worse. But when he and his four friends accidentally open a crack in an ancient mountain, they become involved in an age-old struggle of good versus evil. Now it's up to them to save the Dragon Realm.



#### Soul Lanterns

by Shaw Kuzki (ages: 10+)

Twelve-year-old Nozomi's understanding of the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 is transformed when she learns how those she knows and loves were affected by the event. Includes author's notes.

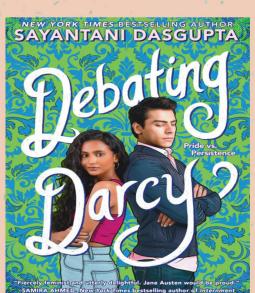


#### **A Thousand Steps Into Night**

by Traci Chee

(ages: 12+)

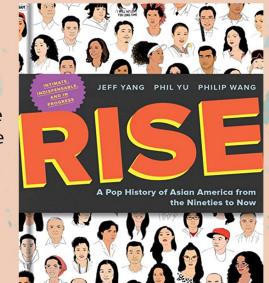
When a girl who's never longed for adventure is hit with a curse that begins to transform her into a demon, she embarks on a quest to reverse the curse and return to her normal life, but along the way is forced to confront her true power



#### **Debating Darcy**

by Sayantani DasGupta (ages: 12+)

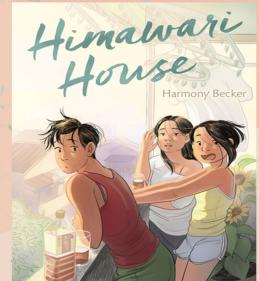
A life-long speech competitor, Leela Bose meets her match in Firoze Darcy, a debater from an elite private school, and as the tournament progresses, Leela finds her own winning streak at stake - as well as her heart.



#### Rise: A Pop History of **Asian America from the Nineties to Now**

by Jeff Yang, Phil Yu, and Philip Wang (ages: 12+)

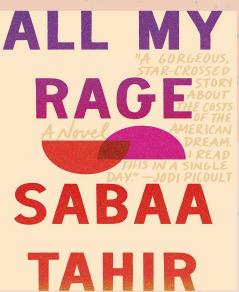
RISE is a love letter to and for Asian Americans--a vivid scrapbook of voices, emotions, and memories from an era in which our culture was forged and transformed.



#### **Himawari House**

by Harmony Becker (ages: 14+)

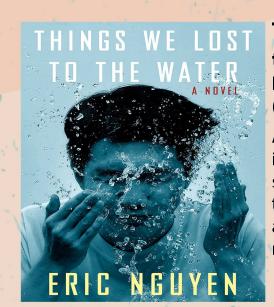
A young adult graphic novel about three foreign exchange students and the pleasures, and difficulties, of adjusting to living in Japan.



#### All My Rage

by Sabaa Tahir (ages: 14+)

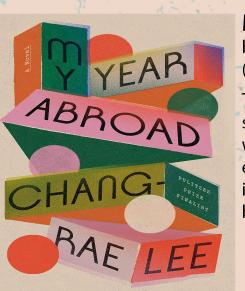
A brilliant, unforgettable, and heart-wrenching novel about family and forgiveness, love and loss, in a sweeping story that crosses generations and continents from Pakistan to California.



#### **Things We Lost to** the Water

by Eric Nguyen (ages: 14+)

A captivating novel about an immigrant Vietnamese family who settles in New Orleans and struggles to remain connected to one another as their lives are inextricably reshaped.



## My Year Abroad

by Chang-rae Lee (ages: 14+)

Tiller is an average American college student. Pong Lou is a larger-than-life, wildly creative Chinese American entrepreneur who sees something intriguing in Tiller. Next comes a boisterous trip across Asia.