

Asian/Pacific Islander Fiction

* Denotes first book in a series

Title	Author	Call #
Chin Yu Min and the Ginger Cat 	Armstrong, Jennifer	E ARM
Through her friendship with a ginger cat, a haughty Chinese widow learns to be humble and to provide for herself.		
Ruby's Wish 	Bridges, Shirin Yim	E BRI
In China, at a time when few girls are taught to read or write, Ruby dreams of going to the university with her brothers and male cousins.		
The Wall 	Bunting, Eve	E BUN
A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict		
Paper Son: Lee's Journey to America 	James, Helen Foster	E JAM
Twelve-year-old Lee, an orphan, reluctantly leaves his grandparents in China for the long sea voyage to San Francisco, where he and other immigrants undergo examinations at Angel Island Immigration Station		
The Dragon's Robe 	Lattimore, Deborah	E LAT
A young weaver in twelfth-century China saves her people from drought and foreign invasion by weaving the imperial dragon's robe		
The Dragon's Pearl 	Lawson, Julie	E LAW
During a terrible drought, a cheerful, dutiful son finds a magic pearl which forever changes his life and the lives of his mother and neighbors.		
Eyes of the Dragon 	Leaf, Margaret	E LEA
An artist agrees to paint a dragon on the wall of a Chinese village, but the mayor's insistence that he paint eyes on the dragon has amazing results		
Nim and the War Effort 	Lee, Milly	E LEE
In her determination to prove that an American can win the contest for the war effort, Nim does something which leaves her Chinese grandfather both bewildered and proud.		
The Miracle Tree 	Mattingley, Christobel	E MAT
Separated by the explosion of the atomic bomb, a husband, wife, and mother carry on with their lives in the ruins of Nagasaki and are eventually reunited one Christmas by a very special tree.		









Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of Nun's Kung Fu	McCully, Emily	E MCC
	Tells the story of two unlikely kung fu masters and how their skill in martial arts saves them both.	
The Princess and the Admiral	Pomerantz, Charlotte	E POM
	When a fleet of warships attacks the Tiny Kingdom, a clever young princess uses ingenuity to preserve her kingdom's one hundred years of peace. Based on a thirteenth-century incident involving Kublai Khan and Vietnam.	
The Master Swordsmen and The Magic Doorway: Two Legends from Ancient China	Provensen, Alice	E PRO
	In two original stories set in ancient China, Little Chiu masters the sword and Mu Chi escapes death through his marvelous painting.	
Dragon Kite of the Autumn Moon	Reddix, Valerie	E RED
	When his grandfather is sick, Tad-Tin goes out to fly his special dragon kite, so that it can take all their troubles away with it.	
Grandfather's Journey	Say, Allen	E SAY
	A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.	
The Topsy -Turvy Emperor of China	Singer, Isaac Bashevis	E SIN
	Wanting to be the handsomest and most noble man in China, the mean and Ugly Emperor Cho Cho Shan declares that everything is to be the opposite of what it was and that evil, ugliness, and stupidity are to be the most admired qualities in his kingdom.	
The Chinese Siamese Cat	Tan, Amy	E TAN
	Ming Miao tells her kittens about the antics of one of their ancestors, Sagwa of China, that produced the unusual markings they have had for thousands of years.	
The Moon Lady	Tan, Amy	E TAN
	Nai-nai tells her granddaughters the story of her outing, as a seven-year-old girl in China, to see the Moon Lady and be granted a secret wish.	

Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People and War	Tsuchiya, Yukio	E TSU
	Translation of: Kawaiiso na zo. Recounts how three elephants in a Tokyo zoo were put to death because of the war. . .	
The Long Silk Strand	Williams, Laura	E WIL
	In this newly created tale set in ancient Japan, a young girl climbs a long silk strand hanging from heaven and discovers her grandmother waiting for her.	
Just Like Me	Cavanaugh, Nancy	FIC CAV
	In this story about unlikely friendships and finding your place in the world, three very different girls, adopted as babies from the same Chinese orphanage, spend a week at a summer camp, where the adoption agency coordinator wants them to journal their "bonding" experience.	
All The Ways Home	Chapman, Elise	FIC CHA
	After his mother's death, Kaede develops some behavior problems and is sent to Japan to spend time with his estranged father and an older half brother.	
Wandering Warrior	Chen, Da	FIC CHE
	Eleven-year-old Luka, destined to become the future emperor of China, is trained in the ways of the kung fu wandering warriors by the wise monk Atami.	
Chasing Secrets	Choldenko, Gennifer	FIC CHO
	Thirteen-year-old Lizzie and her secret friend Noah, who is hiding in her house, plan to rescue Noah's father from the quarantined Chinatown, and save everyone they love from contracting the plague that is spreading in 1900 San Francisco.	
Year of Impossible Goodbyes	Choi, Sook Nyul	FIC CHO
	A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940s, to later escape to freedom in South Korea.	
Everlasting Nora	Cruz, Marie Miranda	FIC CRU
	After surviving a fire in which her father dies, Nora and her mother live in a cemetery, but when her mother disappears and a loan shark steals her savings, Nora finds support from her cemetery neighbors to earn some money and search for her mother	
Gilded #1	Farley, Christina	FIC FAR
	Sixteen-year-old Jae Hwa Lee is a Korean-American girl with a black belt, a deadly proclivity with steel-tipped arrows, and a chip on her shoulder the size of Korea itself. When her widowed dad uproots her to Seoul from her home in L.A., Jae thinks her biggest challenges will be fitting into a new school and dealing with her dismissive Korean grandfather. Then she discovers that a Korean demi-god, Haemosu, has been stealing the soul of the oldest daughter of each generation in her family for centuries. And she is next.	





Silvern #2	Farley, Christina	FIC FAR
	Jae Hwa Lee is ready to forget about immortals and move on with her life. Until the god of darkness, Kud, sends an assassin to kill her. She escapes with the knowledge that Kud is seeking the lost White Tiger Orb, and joins the Guardians of Shinshi to seek out the orb before Kud can find it. But Kud is a stronger and more devious god than Jae ever imagined. Jae is soon painfully reminded that by making an enemy of Kud, she has placed her closest friends in danger, and must decide how much she can bear to sacrifice to defeat one of the most powerful immortals in all of Korea.	
Grenade	Gratz, Alan	FIC GRA
	On April 1, 1945 with the battle of Okinawa beginning, fourteen-year-old native Okinawan Hideki, drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps, is handed two grenades and told to go kill American soldiers; small for his age Hideki does not really want to kill anyone, he just wants to find his family, and his struggle across the island will finally bring him face-to-face with Ray, a marine in his very first battle--and the choice he makes then will change his life forever.	
Samurai Shortstop	Gratz, Alan	FIC GRA
	While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.	
Rice Without Rain	Ho, Minfong	FIC HO
	After social rebels convince the headman of a small village in northern Thailand to resist the land rent, his seventeen-year-old daughter Jinda finds herself caught up in the student uprising in Bangkok.	
The Firehorse Girl	Honeyman, Kay	FIC HON
	When Jade Moon, born in the unlucky year of the Fire Horse, and her father immigrate to America in 1923 and are detained at Angel Island Immigration Station, Jade Moon is determined to find a way through and prove that she is not cursed.	
The Demon in the Teahouse	Hoobler, Dorothy	FIC HOO
	In eighteenth-century Japan, fourteen-year-old Seikei, a merchant's son in training to be a samurai, helps his patron investigate a series of murders and arson in the capital city of Edo, each of which is associated in some way with a popular geisha.	
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam	Kadohata, Cynthia	FIC KAD
	A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing German shepherd	
Girl of the Southern Sea	Kadariusman, Michelle	FIC KAD
	A 14-year-old girl living in the Jakarta slums who longs to be a writer sees an opportunity to raise money for school fees when she survives a minibus accident and the locals begin saying she has magical good luck. But when the crowd turns against her and she discovers her father's plan to marry her off to an older man, she must summon courage and conviction to write her own story	

A Place to Belong	Kadohata, Cynthia	FIC KAD
	Twelve-year-old Hanako and her family, reeling from their confinement in an internment camp, renounce their American citizenship to move to Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb dropped by Americans.	
The Thing About Luck	Kadohata, Cynthia	FIC KAD
	Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.	
The Land of Forgotten Girls	Kelly, Erin Entrada	FIC KEL
	Abandoned by their father and living in poverty with their heartless stepmother in Louisiana, two sisters from the Philippines, twelve-year-old Sol and six-year-old Ming, learn the true meaning of family.	
Inside Out and Back Again	Lai, Thanhha	FIC 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.	
Listen, Slowly	Lai, Thanhha	FIC LAI
	Twelve-year-old Mai is sick of being perfect and her straight A's and extracurricular activities have gotten her a much unwanted trip to Vietnam with her family so she can learn more about her roots. But as time goes on, Mai grows closer to her family and she begins to understand her culture.	
The Vine Basket	La Valley, Josanne	FIC LAV
	Life has been hard for fourteen-year-old Mehriqul, a member of the Uyghur tribal group scorned by the Chinese communist regime, so when an American offers to buy all the baskets she can make in three weeks, Mehriqul strives for a better future for herself and her family despite her father's opposition.	
The Downstairs Girl	Lee, Stacy	FIC LEE
	1890, Atlanta. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for 'the genteel Southern lady	
Zodiac Legacy: Convergence #1	Lee, Stan	FIC LEE
	Follows the experiences of a Chinese-American teen who is thrown into the middle of an epic global chase involving the release of twelve magical superpowers.	
The Kite Rider: a novel	McCaughrean, Geraldine	FIC MCC
	In thirteenth-century China, after trying to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage, twelve-year-old Haoyou has life-changing adventures when he takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and ends up meeting the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan.	

Operation Typhoon Shore	Mowll, Joshua	FIC MOW
	In the spring of 1920, teenaged siblings Rebecca and Doug MacKenzie continue their adventures on their uncle's ship, sailing through a typhoon into the Celebes Sea in pursuit of a missing "gyrolabe" which may be connected to the disappearance of their parents.	
In the Shadow of the Sun	O'Brien, Ann	FIC OBR
	Twelve-year-old Mia is on a five-day tour of North Korea with her older brother, Simon, and their father, Mark, an food aide worker, but she is scared because her father keeps sneaking off at night, and terrified that her brother's sullen, rebellious behavior (which has absolutely nothing to do with the Koreans) is going to get them in trouble--and things get much worse when she is pulled into a deadly political game that seeks to expose North Korean atrocities, and her father is arrested.	
The Kite Fighters	Park, Linda Sue	FIC PAR
	In Korea in 1473, eleven-year-old Young-sup overcomes his rivalry with his older brother Kee-sup, who as the first-born son receives special treatment from their father, and combines his kite-flying skill with Kee-sup's kite-making skill in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition.	
Of Nightingales That Weep	Paterson, Katherine	FIC PAT
	The vain young daughter of a samurai finds her comfortable life ripped apart when opposing warrior clans begin a struggle for imperial control of Japan.	
The Sign of the Chrysanthemum	Paterson, Katherine	FIC PAT
	A teen-ager comes to know himself through contacts with social ills and political unrest while searching for his father in Japan's capital, centuries ago.	
Red Thread Sisters	Peacock, Carol Antoinette	FIC PEA
	After an American family adopts eleven-year-old Wen from a Chinese orphanage, she vows to find a family for her best friend, too.	
Threads	Polonsky, Ami	FIC POL
	An American girl finds a note written by a Chinese girl forced to work in a factory in Beijing.	
Live in Infamy	Richmond, Caroline Tung	FIC RIC
	It has been eighty years since the Axis won World War II, and America was divided between the victors: the Nazis in the East and Imperial Japan in the West; but now resistance is growing in the Eastern territories and sixteen-year-old Chinese American Ren Cabot, who has every reason to hate the Japanese who executed his mother, finds himself drawn into a resistance group and confronted with choices that could lead to freedom--or death.	
Rescued #3	Schrefer, Eliot	FIC SCH
	When John was ten years old his father brought back a baby orangutan from Indonesia, and Raja quickly becomes John's "brother" and responsibility--so years later, after his parents divorce, and his father has sold Raja to a roadside zoo, John sets out to rescue him and bring him to a sanctuary in Indonesia.	

The Black Dragon	Sedgwick, Julian	FIC SED
	Talented magician Danny, who is half-Chinese, half-British, and dwarf strongman Zamora try to find the connection between the disastrous end of the circus Mysterium, where Danny's performer parents were killed, and the disappearance of his guardian aunt, who is investigating sinister gangs in Hong Kong.	
Sisters of the Sword	Snow, Maya	FIC SNO
	Two aristocratic sisters in ancient Japan disguise themselves as samurai warriors to take revenge on the uncle who betrayed their family.	
First Class Murder	Stevens, Robin	FIC STE
	On holiday with Hazel's father, Daisy and Hazel secretly investigate a murder on the Orient Express, rushing to solve it before another murder occurs, or someone else finds the killer.	
Neil Flambe and the Tokyo Treasure #4	Sylvester, Kevin	FIC SYL
	Celebrity teenaged chef Neil Flambé heads to Japan to solve his next mystery when news arrives that his cousin Larry, a manga comic book writer visiting Tokyo, has died in a boating accident.	
Deadly Flowers: a Ninja's Tale	Thomson, Sarah	FIC THO
	Ninjas are stealthy. They are disciplined. Ninjas trust no-one, and do not let anything deter them from completion of their mission. Teenage Kata has trained since childhood to live up to the exacting standards that Madame Chiyome sets for her "deadly flowers" - the girls who live a harsh, hungry life at her school for ninjas, and she is determined to succeed in her first mission as an assassin for hire. When it all goes wrong, she finds herself on the run, guarding a powerful amulet as well as the children of one of Japans most powerful warlords. They meet bandits and monks, and are plagued by demons and ghosts. Feudal Japan is a fascinating backdrop for their journey - neither the wealthy children nor skilled Kata truly control their own fate in a country where might equals right. Genuinely thrilling, with surprises at every turn and a solid emotional core, give Deadly Flowers to your Percy Jackson fans and see what happens.	
The Forbidden Orchid	Waller, Sharon Biggs	FIC WAL
	In 1861, Elodie sails from her home in England to China to help her father search for a rare and valuable orchid	
On Blood Road	Watkins, Steve	FIC WAT
	Taylor is a rebellious teenager with a habit of sneaking out to hang with his anti-war friends, so in January 1968 his mother drags him off to Saigon where his father is attached to the United States embassy; bored (and still rebellious) Taylor sneaks out of the embassy to watch the Tet celebrations, just as the war erupts all over Vietnam and there he is captured by the North Vietnamese Army and sent North as a prisoner and hostage--and during the brutal journey Taylor is forced to confront the realities of war and survival for the first time in his sheltered life	
So Far From the Bamboo Grove	Watkins, Yoko Kawashima	FIC WAT
	A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.	

I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade	Wilson, Diane Lee	FIC WIL
	Oyuna tells her granddaughter the story of how love for her horse enabled her to win a race and bring good luck to her family living in Mongolia in 1285.	
Child of the Owl	Yep, Laurence	FIC YEP
	A twelve-year-old girl who knows little about her Chinese heritage is sent to live with her grandmother in San Francisco's Chinatown.	
The Dragon's Child: The Story of Angel Island	Yep, Laurence	FIC YEP
	In 1922, ten-year-old Gim Lew reluctantly leaves his village in China to accompany his father to America, but before they go he must prepare for a grueling test that he must pass--without stuttering--at California's Angel Island, where strict officials strive to keep out unwanted immigrants. Includes facts about immigration from China and the experiences of the author's family.	
Cochroach Cooties	Yep, Laurence	FIC YEP
	Teddy and his little brother Bobby devise strategies using bugs to defeat the school bully. READ 180	
Hiroshima: A Novella	Yep, Laurence	FIC YEP
	Describes the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, particularly as it affects Sachi, who becomes one of the Hiroshima Maidens.	
Illegal	Colfer, Eoin	GN 741.5 COL
	Ebo is alone. His brother, Kwame, has disappeared, and Ebo knows it can only be to attempt the hazardous journey to Europe, and a better life, the same journey their sister set out on months ago. But Ebo refuses to be left behind in Ghana. Ebo's epic quest takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his family	
Little White Duck: A Childhood in China	Martinez, Andres Vera	GN 741.5 MAR
	A young girl describes her experiences growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.	
Stargazing	Wang, Jen	GN 741.5 WAN
	Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness	

American Born Chinese	Yang, Gene Luen	GN 741.5 YAN
	Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.	
Level Up	Yang, Gene Luen	GN 741.5 YAN
	Dennis, the son of Chinese immigrants, yearns to play video games like his friends and, upon his strict father's death, becomes obsessed with them but later, realizing how his father sacrificed for him, he chooses a nobler path.	
Sword of the Samurai: Adventure Stories from Japan	Kimmel, Eric	SC KIM
	Seven short stories about samurai warriors, their way of life, courage, wit, and foolishness.	
Owl Ninja	Fussell, Sandy	FIC FUS
	Sensei Ki-yaga leads Niya and the other students of the Cockroach Ryu on a journey to beg the feudal Emperor to stop war from breaking out between the mountain ryus, putting to the test the firm friendship and unusual skills of these physically-disabled samurai-in-training.	