Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Pacific Islander American Voices

A selected list of recommended books by Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Pacific Islander American creators for kids of all ages. This list may be updated as new titles are added to our collection.

**Board Books**

*Diwali Lights* by Rina Singh ([book](#), [Hoopla e-book](#))

*Holi Colors* by Rina Singh ([book](#), [Hoopla e-book](#))

**Picture books**

*Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao* by Kat Zhang, illustrated by Charlene Chua ([book](#), [OverDrive e-book](#))

*Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic* by Ginnie Lo, illustrated by Beth Lo ([book](#))


*The Bear in My Family* by Maya Tatsukawa ([book](#))

*Bee-Bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Ho Baek Lee ([book](#))

*A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin ([book](#), [OverDrive e-book](#))

*Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed, illustrated by Anoosha Syed ([book](#))

*Bindu's Bindis* by Supriya Kelkar, illustrated by Parvati Pillai ([book](#))

*Bobo and the New Baby* by Rebecca Minhsuan Huang ([book](#))

*The Boy & the Bindi* by Vivek Shraya, illustrated by Rajni Perera ([book](#), [Hoopla e-book](#))

*Bringing in the New Year* by Grace Lin ([book](#))

*Camp Tiger* by Susan Choi, illustrated by John Rocco ([book](#))

*Clever Little Witch* by Muon Thị Văn, illustrated by Hyewon Yum ([book](#))

*Days with Dad* by Nari Hong ([book](#))

*A Different Pond* by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui ([book](#), [OverDrive e-book](#))

*Dim Sum for Everyone!* by Grace Lin ([book](#))

*Double Happiness* by Nancy Tupper Ling, illustrated by Alina Chau ([book](#), [Hoopla e-book](#))

*Drawn Together* by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat ([book](#), [OverDrive e-book](#))
Farmer Falgu Goes on a Trip by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Kanika Nair (book)

Fatima’s Great Outdoors by Ambreen Tariq, illustrated by Stevie Lewis (book)

Feather by Cao Wenxuan, illustrated by Roger Mello (book)

Festival of Colors by Kabir Sehgal and Suristha Sehgal, illustrated by Vashti Harrison (book)

First Snow by Bomi Park (book, Hoopla e-book)

Fish for Jimmy: Inspired by One Family’s Experience in a Japanese American Internment Camp by Katie Yamasaki (book)

The Fog by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Kenard Pak (book)

A Gift for Amma: Market Day in India by Meera Sriram, illustrated by Mariona Cabassa (book)

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak (book)


Grandmother’s Visit by Betty Quan, illustrated by Carmen Mok (book, Hoopla e-book)

Grandpa Grumps by Katrina Moore, illustrated by Xindi Yan (book)

Hair Twins by Raakhee Mirchandani (book)

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin by Cheiri Uegaki, illustrated by Qin Leng (book, Hoopla e-book)

The Happiest Tree: A Yoga Story by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Ruth Jeyaveeran (book)

Hello, Mandarin Duck! by Bao Phi, illustrated by Dion MBD (book, Hoopla e-book)

Hello, Rain! by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Chris Turnham (book, Hoopla e-book)

Hey Taipei by Kathy Cheng (book)

Home Is In Between by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Lavanya Naidu (book, OverDrive e-book)

Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji by F. Zia, illustrated by Ken Min (book)


Hush!: A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho, illustrated by Holly Meade (book)

I Am a Bird by Hope Lim, illustrated by Hyewon Yum (book)

I Am Small by Qin Leng (book, Hoopla e-book)

I Dream of Popo by Livia Blackburne, illustrated by Julia Kuo (book)

I Miss My Grandpa by Jin Xiaojing (book)

Juna’s Jar by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino (book)

King for a Day by Rukhsana Khan, illustrated by Christiane Kromer (book)

Leila in Saffron by Rukhsanna Guidroz, illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova (book)

Lift by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat (book, OverDrive e-book)

Lines by Suzy Lee (book, Hoopla e-book)

The Lost Package by Richard Ho, illustrated by Jessica Lanan (book, OverDrive e-book)

Luna’s Yum Yum Dim Sum by Natasha Yim, illustrated by Violet Kim (book, Hoopla e-book)


The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar, illustrated by Alea Marley (book)


Mina vs. the Monsoon by Rukhsanna Guidroz, illustrated by Debasmita Dasgupta (book)

Mirror by Suzy Lee (book)

Mom, It’s My First Day of Kindergarten! by Hyewon Yum (book)

Mommy Sayang by Rosana Sullivan (book, Hoopla e-book)

A Morning with Grandpa by Sylvia Liu, illustrated by Christina Forshay (book)

Mooncakes by Loretta Seto, illustrated by Renne Benoit (book, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

The Most Beautiful Thing by Kao Kalia Yang, illustrated by Khoa Le (book, Hoopla e-book)

The Mountains of Mumbai by Labanya Ghosh, illustrated by Pallavi Jain (book)

Music for Alice by Allen Say (book)

My First Day by Phùng Nguyên Quang & Huỳnh Kim Liên (book, OverDrive e-book)

My Footprints by Bao Phi, illustrated by Basia Tran (book)

My Little Sister and Me by Maple Lam (book)

The Night Gardener by Terry Fan and Eric Fan (book)

Ninja! by Arree Chung (book)


Our Favorite Day by Joowon Oh (book)

Our Little Kitchen by Jillian Tamaki (book, OverDrive ebook, Hoopla e-book)

Outside, Inside by LeUyen Pham (book)

*The Paper Kingdom* by Helena Ku Rhee, illustrated by Pascal Campion (book)

*Peek!: A Thai Hide-and-Seek* by Minfong Ho, illustrated by Holly Meade (book)

*Piece by Piece* by Susan Tan, illustrated by Justine Wong (book)

*P Is for Poppadoms!: An Indian Alphabet Book* by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal, illustrated by Hazel Ito (book)

*The Piano Recital* by Akiko Miyakoshi (book)

*Puddle* by Hyewon Yum (book)

*The Ramble Shamble Children* by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Lauren Castillo (book, OverDrive e-book)


*Rise Up and Write It* by Nandini Ahuja, illustrated by Anoosha Syed (book)

*Ruby's Chinese New Year* by Vickie Lee, illustrated by Joey Chou (book)

*Sato the Rabbit* by Yiki Ainoya (book)

*Saturday Is Swimming Day* by Hyewon Yum (book)

*Shubh Diwali!* by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Charlene Chua (book, Hoopla e-book)

*The Sound of Silence* by Katrina Goldsaito, illustrated by Julia Kuo (book)

*Soup Day* by Melissa Iwai (book)

*Suki's Kimono* by Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Stephane Jorisch (book, Hoopla e-book)

*Thao* by Thao Lam (book)


*This Is Our House* by Hyewon Yum (book)

*Tiny Feet Between the Mountains* by Hanna Cha (book, OverDrive e-book)

*The Twins' Blanket* by Hyewon Yum (book)


*Watercress* by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Jason Chin (book, OverDrive e-book)

*The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk* by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal, illustrated by Jess Golden (book)


*When Spring Comes to the DMZ* by Uk-Bae Lee (book)

*When the Cousins Came* by Katie Yamasaki (book)

*The Yellow Suitcase* by Meera Sriram (book)
Early readers

*Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* by Grace Lin ([book], [book on CD], [OverDrive audiobook])

*Most Valuable Puppy* by Carol Kim, illustrated by Felia Hanakata ([book], [Hoopla e-book])

*Yasmin the Builder* by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly ([book], [OverDrive e-book])

*Yasmin the Fashionista* by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly ([book], [OverDrive ebook], [hoopla ebook])

Chapter books

*Alice on the Island: A Pearl Harbor Survival Story* by Mayumi Shimose Poe ([book], [Hoopla e-book])

*Astrid & Apollo and the Starry Campout* by V. T. Bidania, illustrated by Dara Lashia Lee ([book])

*Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Julianna Swaney ([book], [OverDrive e-book], [Hoopla e-book])

*Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire* by Susan Tan, illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte ([book], [OverDrive e-book])

*Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream* by Jenny Han, illustrated by Julia Kuo ([book])

*Diary of an Ice Princess: Snow Place Like Home* by Christina Soontornvat ([book], [OverDrive e-book])

*Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic ([book], [OverDrive e-book])

*Lark Holds the Key* by Natasha Deen, illustrated by Marcus Cutler ([book], [Hoopla e-book])

*Lily and the Great Quake: A San Francisco Earthquake Survival Story* by Veeda Bybee ([book])

*Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey* by Erin Entrada Kelly ([book])

*Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Project* by Lyla Lee, illustrated by Dung Ho ([book], [OverDrive e-book])

*Nina Soni, Former Best Friend* by Kashmira Sheth, illustrated by Jenn Kocsmiersky ([book])

*Ruby Lu, Brave and True* by Lenore Look, illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf ([book])

*Sam Wu Is NOT Afraid of Ghosts* by Katie and Kevin Tsang, illustrated by Nathan Reed ([book], [OverDrive e-book])

*Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong* by A.J. Low, illustrated by Drewscape ([book], [Hoopla e-book])

*The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin ([book], [OverDrive e-book], [OverDrive audiobook])

Middle grade

*Ahimsa* by Supriya Kelkar ([book], [Hoopla audiobook])

*Amina’s Voice* by Hena Khan ([book], [book on CD], [OverDrive e-book], [OverDrive audiobook])
Any Day with You by Mae Respicio (book, OverDrive e-book)


Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay (book, OverDrive e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

The Boys in the Back Row by Mike Jung (book, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

Bronze and Sunflower by Cao Wenxuan (book, OverDrive e-book)

Checked by Cynthia Kadohata (book, book on CD, OverDrive e-book)

City of the Plague God by Sarwat Chadda (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)

The Comeback by E.L. Shen (book, OverDrive e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

The Dragon Egg Princess by Ellen Oh (book, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

Dragon Mountain by Katie and Kevin Tsang (book)

Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla e-book)

Dragonwings by Laurence Yep (book)

The Dragon Warrior by Katie Zhao (book, OverDrive e-book)

Everlasting Nora by Marie Miranda Cruz (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla audiobook)

Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh (book)


Front Desk by Kelly Yang (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)

The Garden of My Imaan by Farhana Zia (book, Hoopla e-book)

The Gauntlet by Karuna Riazi (book, OverDrive e-book)

The Girl and the Ghost by Hanna Alkaf (book)


The House That Lou Built by Mae Respicio (book, OverDrive e-book)

I'm Ok by Patti Kim (book)

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhhà Lai (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)


Lalani of the Distant Sea by Erin Entrada Kelly (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla audiobook)

The Last Fallen Star by Graci Kim (book, Hoopla e-book)


Lupe Wong Won’t Dance by Donna Barba Higuera (book, OverDrive e-book, Hoopla e-book)

Midsummer Mayhem by Rajani LaRocca (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla audiobook)

Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Lisa Yee (book, OverDrive e-book)

More to the Story by Hena Khan (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)


Mya’s Strategy to Save the World by Tanya Lloyd Kyi (book)

My Fate According to the Butterfly by Gail D. Villanueva (book)


Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword by Henry Lien (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla audiobook)

Peter Lee’s Notes from the Field by Angela Ahn, illustrated by Julie Kwon (book)

Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)

A Place to Belong by Cynthia Kadohata (book, book on CD, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)


Running Through Sprinklers by Michelle Kim (book)

The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)

See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)

The Serpent’s Secret by Sayantani DasGupta (book, Playaway, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla audiobook)

Shooting Kabul by N. H. Senzai (book, OverDrive e-book)


Stand Up, Yumi Chung! by Jessica Kim (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)
Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time by Lisa Yee ([book, OverDrive e-book]

Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami ([book]


This Is Just a Test by Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan-Long Shang ([book]

A Thousand Questions by Saadia Faruqi ([book, OverDrive ebook]


The Truth About Twinkie Pie by Kat Yeh ([book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook]

Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung ([book, OverDrive e-book]


The Way to Bea by Kat Yeh ([book, OverDrive e-book]

When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park ([book, OverDrive e-book, Hoopla e-book]

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller ([book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook]

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin ([book, book on CD, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook]

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat ([book, OverDrive e-book]

**Graphic novels**


Green Lantern: Legacy by Minh Lê, illustrated by Andie Tong ([book, Hoopla e-book]


The Only Child by Guojing ([book]

Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani ([book, OverDrive e-book]

Pilu of the Woods by Mai K. Nguyen ([book, Hoopla eebook]

Sea Sirens by Amy Chu and Janet K. Lee ([book, OverDrive e-book]

Stargazing by Jen Wang ([book, OverDrive e-book]

Suee and the Shadow by Ginger Ly, illustrated by Molly Park ([book, Hoopla e-book]

Where’s Halmoni? by Julie Kim ([book]

Yotsuba&! by Kiyohiko Azuma ([book]

**Nonfiction**

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat ([book, OverDrive e-book]
Are You an Echo?: The Lost Poetry of Misuzu Kaneko by Misuzu Kaneko and David Jacobson, illustrated by Toshikado Hajiri (book)

Cat and Rat: The Legend of the Chinese Zodiac by Ed Young (book)

Chinese New Year Colors by Rich Lo (book)


Drawing from Memory by Allen Say (book)


The House Baba Built: An Artist’s Childhood in China by Ed Young (book)

How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock-Climbing Champion by Ashima Shiraishi, illustrated by Yao Xiao (book)

It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Julie Morstad (book)

Japanese American Internment Camps by Gail Sakurai (book)


Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz (book)

Malala’s Magic Pencil by Malala Yusafzai, illustrated by Kerascoet (book)

M Is for Movement by Innosanto Nagara (book, Hoopla e-book)


My Night in the Planetarium by Innosanto Nagara (book)

Paper Son: The inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist by Julie Leung, illustrated by Chris Sasaki (book)

Pattan’s Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Frane Lessac (book)

Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom by Teresa Robeson, illustrated by Rebecca Huang (book)


Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (Poems) by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Istvan Banyai (book)

Today and Today by Kobayashi Issa, illustrated by G. Brian Karas (book)

The Turtle Ship by Helena Ku Rhee, illustrated by Colleen Kong-Savage (book)
Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity by Sarah Suzuki, illustrated by Ellen Weinstein (book)