

Shea, P. J  
**The Carpet Boy's Gift**  
 Yearning for freedom and schooling for the children who toil in a Pakistani carpet factory, young Nadeem is inspired by a former carpet boy named Iqbal to lead the way.

Uchida, Y. J  
**Journey Home**  
 After their release from an internment camp in Utah, Yuki, a Japanese-American girl, and her family try to rebuild their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feelings that breed fear and violence. Sequel to **Journey to Topaz**.

Whelan, G. J/Y  
**Homeless Bird**  
 When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

Wilson, D. Y  
**I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade**  
 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 in Mongolia in the 1300s.

Wolff, V. J/Y  
**Bat 6**  
 The girls of rival 6th grade softball teams recount the events that led up to a violent act of bigotry toward teammate Aki during their annual game in post-World War II Oregon.

Yang, D. J/Y  
**The Secret Voice of Gina Zhang**  
 Jinna Zhang, a 12-year-old Chinese girl, tries to learn to speak English at her new American school, but is so self-conscious that she loses her ability to speak at all.

Yep, L. J/Y  
**Dragon War**  
 Evil kings, dragon princesses and trickster monkeys magically transform themselves to elude danger and engage in devilish trickery in this adventure set in China. Series.

Yep, L. J  
**The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner**  
 A young boy nicknamed Runt records his experiences in a journal as he travels from southern China to California in 1852 to join his uncle during the Gold Rush. Series.

Yin E/J  
**Coolies**  
 A boy recalls the story he heard from his grandmother about her great-grandfather and his brothers, Chinese laborers who came to the United States to help build the transcontinental railroad.

Yumoto, K. J/Y  
**The Friends**  
 Curious about death, three 6th grade boys in modern day Japan decide to spy on an old man, waiting for him to die, but an unanticipated friendship develops which dramatically changes all of their lives.

**Asian-American Authors:**

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| Chin, Charlie       | Pak, Soyung          |
| Choi, Sook Nyul     | Park, Frances        |
| Choi, Yangsook      | Park, Linda Sue      |
| Huynh, Quang Nhuong | Russell, Ching Yeung |
| Lee, Huy Voun       | Say, Allen           |
| Lin, Grace          | Thong, Roseanne      |
| Look, Lenore        | Uchida, Yoshiko      |
| Mochizuki, Ken      | Wong, Janet S.       |
| Na, An              | Yumoto, Kazumi       |
| Namioka, Lensey     | Yang, Dori Jones     |
| Okimoto, Jean       | Yep, Laurence        |

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# Asian Heritage

## Books for Children



Mochizuki, K. J940.5318  
**Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story**  
 The true story of Chune Sugihara, a Japanese ambassador, who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during World War II.  
 Na, A. J/Y  
**A Step from Heaven**  
 A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.  
 Namioka, L. J  
**Yang the Second and Her Secret Admirers**  
 Homesick for China after moving to Seattle, Yinglan Yang resists adapting to American culture, so her siblings secretly try setting her up with Paul Eng, a Chinese American baseball player. Series. Y940.531773  
 Openheim, J.  
**Dear Miss Breed**  
 True stories of the Japanese-American incarceration during World War II are told. This book shares the correspondence between Clara Breed, a San Diego librarian, and dozens of Japanese American children sent to internment camps after Pearl Harbor.  
 Park, L. J  
**The Kite Fighters**  
 Young-sup overcomes his rivalry with his older brother in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition in 15th century Korea.  
 Paterson, K. J/Y  
**Master Puppeteer**  
 A thirteen-year-old boy apprenticed to a Bunraku theater meets a Robin Hood-like bandit leader in old Osaka.  
 Salisbury, G. J/Y  
**Under the Blood-red Sun**  
 Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.  
 Schlein, M. J  
**The Year of the Panda**  
 Lu Yi rescues an orphaned and starving baby panda while learning why giant pandas are in danger of extinction and what is being done about it.

Holman, S. J  
**Sondok: Princess of the Moon and Stars**  
 In a series of messages placed in her grandmother's ancestral jar, a 7th century princess and future ruler of the Korean kingdom of Silla vents her frustration at not being permitted to study astronomy because she is a girl. Series.  
 Hoobler, D. J/Y  
**The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn**  
 In 18th century Japan, young Seikei, who longs to be a samurai warrior, attempts to solve the mystery of a stolen jewel.  
 Huynh, Q. J636.293  
**Water Buffalo Days: Growing Up in Vietnam**  
 The author recalls his childhood in the highlands of Vietnam and his love for the family water buffalo.  
 Kline, S. J  
**Song Lee and the "I Hate You" Notes**  
 Song Lee is upset when she receives hateful notes in class, but finds an appropriate and positive way to deal with them.  
 Lin, G. J  
**The Year of the Dog**  
 Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.  
 Lord, B. J  
**In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson**  
 In 1947, a Chinese child arrives in Brooklyn where she adjusts to life in America and falls in love with baseball.  
 Mead, A. J  
**Dawn and Dusk**  
 As thirteen-year-old Azad tries desperately to cling to the life he has known, the political situation in Iran during the war with Iraq finally forces his family to flee their home and seek safety elsewhere.

Banerjee, A. J  
**Looking for Bapu**  
 When his beloved grandfather dies, eight-year-old Anu feels that his spirit is near and will stop at nothing to bring him back, including trying to become a Hindu holy man.  
 Cha, D. J973.0495  
**Dia's Story Cloth**  
 The author traces the history of her family's emigration from their native Laos to the United States through the needlework on her story cloth.  
 Coatsworth, E. J  
**The Cat Who Went to Heaven**  
 The Newbery Award winning story of a little cat that comes to the home of a poor Japanese artist and, by humility and devotion, brings him good fortune.  
 Divakaruni, C. J/Y  
**The Conch Bearer**  
 In India, a healer invites twelve-year-old Anand to join him on a quest to return a magical conch to its safe and rightful home, high in the Himalayan mountains.  
 Ellis, D. J/Y  
**The Breadwinner**  
 In Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, courageous Parvana disguises herself as a boy so that she can find work in war-torn Kabul to support her family.  
 Fletcher, S. J/Y  
**Shadow Spinner**  
 In ancient Persia, young Marjan must sneak outside the Sultan's harem to find new stories that her mistress Shahrazad can tell to save the queen's life.  
 Ho, M. J/Y  
**The Clay Marble**  
 In the late 1970s, twelve-year-old Dara joins a refugee camp in war-torn Cambodia and becomes separated from her family.