

Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Bibliography

Biography

92 CHI

Butts, Ellen. May Chinn : the best medicine. W.H. Freeman, [1995].

92 KWA

Kwan. Heart of a champion.

92 OBA

Feinstein, Stephen. Barack Obama. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, [2008].

Note: An elementary biography of United States senator from Illinois Barack Obama; discusses his childhood, ethnic background, family, and career in politics.

92 OBA

Sapet, Kerrily. Barack Obama. Greensboro, N.C: Morgan Reynolds Pub, [2008].

Note: Profiles the Harvard Law School graduate, legislator, and civil rights lawyer who is known for his work on voting rights and employment discrimination cases and who, in 2007, declared that he would run for president of the United States.

92 WOO

Wheeler, Jill C. Tiger Woods : lion on the links. Edina, Minn: Abdo & Daughters, [1995].

Note: Presents the life and career of Tiger Woods, the youngest person and first Afro-American to win the United States Amateur Golf Tournament.

92 WOO

Joseph, Paul. Tiger Woods. Minneapolis, MN: Abdo & Daughters Pub, [1998].

Note: Examines the life and accomplishments of the young, racially mixed golfer who destroyed his competition in his first major pro tournament, The Masters, and broke records that had stood for many years.

92 WOO

Emerson, Carl. Tiger Woods. [Chanhassen, MN]: Child's World, [2001].

92 YAM

Donohue, Shiobhan. Kristi Yamaguchi : artist on ice. Lerner Pub. Co, [1994].

Note: A biography of the figure skater who won the National, Olympic, and World Championships in 1992.

92 YEP

Yep, Laurence. The lost garden. New York: Beech Tree, [1996].

Note: The author describes how he grew up as a Chinese American in San Francisco and how he came to use his writing to celebrate his family and his ethnic heritage.

Nonfiction

*398.2 SIE

Sierra, Judy. Counting crocodiles. San Diego: Harcourt, [1997].

Note: In this rhymed retelling of a traditional Asian tale, a clever monkey uses her ability to count to outwit the hungry crocodiles that stand between her and a banana tree on another island across the sea.

394.2 BEH

Behrens, June. Gung hay fat choy. Childrens Pr, [1981].

Note: Explains the significance of the Chinese New Year and describes its celebration by Chinese Americans.

398.2 LOU

Louie, Ai-Ling. Yeh-Shen : a Cinderella story from China. New York: Puffin, [1999].

Note: A young Chinese girl overcomes the wickedness of her stepsister and stepmother to become the bride of a prince.

398.21 HON

Hong, Lily Toy. Two of everything. Morton Grove: A. Whitman, [1993].

Note: A poor old Chinese farmer finds a magic brass pot that doubles or duplicates whatever is placed inside it, but his efforts to make himself wealthy lead to unexpected complications.

398.24 HON

Hong, Lily Toy. How the ox star fell from heaven. Niles, Ill: A. Whitman, [1991].

Note: A Chinese folk tale which explains why the ox was banished from heaven to become the farmer's beast of burden.

940.53 STA

Stanley, Jerry. I am an American : a true story of the Japanese internment. New York: Scholastic, [1998].

973.04 AND

Anderson, Dale. Chinese Americans. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Pub, [2008].

973.04 KLI

Klingel, Cynthia Fitterer. Korean Americans. Chanhassen, Minn: Child's World, [2003].

996.9 GOL

Goldberg, Jake. Hawaii. New York: Benchmark, [1998].

Note: Describes the geography, history, government, economy, people, and culture of this island state.

Everybody Fiction

E B

Bunting, Eve. *So far from the sea*. New York: Clarion, [1998].

Note: When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese American child leaves behind a special symbol.

E C

Choi, Sook Nyul. *Yunmi and Halmoni's trip*. Boston: Houghton, [1997].

Note: When she goes to Korea with her grandmother, Yunmi looks forward to visiting relatives she has never seen, but she also worries about whether Halmoni will want to return to New York.

E K

Katz, Karen. *My first Chinese New Year*. New York: H. Holt, [2004].

Note: A girl and her family prepare for and celebrate Chinese New Year.

E L

Lin, Grace. *Bringing in the New Year*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, [2008].

Note: A Chinese American family prepares for and celebrates the Lunar New Year. End notes discuss the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year.

E L

Levine, Ellen. *I hate English!* New York: Scholastic Inc, [1989].

Note: When her family moves to New York from Hong Kong, Mei Mei finds it difficult to adjust to school and learn the alien sounds of English.

E N

Nunes, Susan. *The last dragon*. Clarion Bks, [1995].

Note: While spending the summer in Chinatown with his great-aunt, a young boy finds an old ten-man dragon in a shop and gets a number of people to help him repair it.

E P

Porte, Barbara Ann. *"Leave that cricket be, Alan Lee"*. New York: Greenwillow Books, [1993].

Note: Alan Lee tries to catch the singing cricket in his mother's office.

E P

Peacock, Carol Antoinette. *Mommy far, Mommy near : an adoption story*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, [2000].

Note: Elizabeth, who was born in China, describes the family who has adopted her and tries to sort out her feelings for her unknown mother.

E P

Pak, Soyung. *Dear Juno*. New York: Viking, [1999].

Note: Although Juno, a Korean American boy, cannot read the letter he receives from his grandmother in Seoul, he understands what it means from the photograph and dried flower that are enclosed and decides to send a similar letter back to her.

E P

Partridge, Elizabeth. *Oranges on Golden Mountain*. New York: Dutton, [2001].

Note: When hard times fall on his family, Jo Lee is sent from China to San Francisco, where he helps his uncle fish and dreams of being reunited with his mother and sister.

E R

Rattigan, Jama Kim. *Dumpling soup*. Boston: Joy Street Books, [1992].

Note: A young Hawaiian girl tries to make dumplings for her family's New Year's celebration.

E R

Recorvits, Helen. *My name is Yoon*. New York: Frances Foster Books, [2003].

Note: Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom," refers to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake," as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.

E S

Say, Allen. *Grandfather's journey*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, [1993].

Note: 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.

E S

Sakai, Kimiko. *Sachiko means happiness*. Children's Bk. Pr./Raintree, [1990].

Note: Although at first five-year-old Sachiko is upset when her grandmother no longer recognizes her, she grows to understand that they can still be happy together.

E U

Uchida, Yoshiko. *The bracelet*. New York: Philomel, [1993].

Note: Emi, a Japanese American in the second grade, is sent with her family to an internment camp during World War II, but the loss of the bracelet her best friend has given her proves that she does not need a physical reminder of that friendship.

Fiction

F BRI

Brisson, Pat. *Kate on the coast*. New York: Bradbury Pr, [1992].

Note: Kate's letters to her best friend back home chronicle her family's move to the Pacific Northwest and their travels in Washington, Alaska, Canada, California, Oregon, and Hawaii.

F CHE

Cheng, Andrea. *Shanghai messenger*. New York: Lee & Low Books, [2005].

Note: A free-verse novel about eleven-year-old Xiao Mei's visit with her extended family in China, where the Chinese-American girl finds many differences but also the similarities that bind a family together.

F CRI

Crilley, Mark. *Akiko on the planet Smoo*. New York: Delacorte Press, [2000].

Note: Ten-year-old Akiko has an unexpected adventure when she is whisked away to a distant planet and put in charge of the rescue mission that must search for the kidnapped Prince Froptoppit.

F DEN

Denenberg, Barry. *The journal of Ben Uchida, citizen #13559, Mirror Lake internment camp*. New York: Scholastic, [1999].

Note: Twelve-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California, during World War II.

F KAD

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Kira-kira*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2004].

Note: Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

F KLI

Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom*. New York: Scholastic, [1999].

Note: On the last day of second grade, Song Lee's party at the local amusement park forces Harry to face his fear of elevators when he is expected to ride the Drop of Doom.

F LOO

Look, Lenore. *Ruby Lu, empress of everything*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2006].

Note: After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.

F LOR

Lord, Bette. In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson. Harper & Row, [1984].

Note: In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

F MAC

MacMillan, Dianne. My best friend, Mee-Yung Kim : meeting a Korean-American family. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: J. Messner, [1989].

Note: A young girl's friendship with a Korean American girl and her family introduces her to the holidays, customs, and foods and family events of their culture.

F MAR

Marsden, Carolyn. The jade dragon. Cambridge, Mass: Candlewick Press, [2008].

Note: A Chinese American girl torn between her family's traditional values and the more modern ones in her second grade classroom learns that friendship cannot be bought.

F MCD

McDonald, Megan. Happy New Year, Julie. Middleton, WI: American Girl Pub, [2007].

Note: The first Christmas since Julie's parents' divorce is difficult for the whole family, but Julie finds comfort sharing the Chinese New Year traditions of her best friend, Ivy Ling, and thinking about new beginnings.

F MOC

Mochizuki, Ken. Baseball saved us. New York: Lee & Low, [1993].

Note: A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over.

F PAR

Park, Barbara. Junie B., first grader: aloha-ha-ha! New York: Random House, [2006].

Note: Excitable Junie B. Jones manages to find trouble both before and during a trip to Hawaii and records each incident in a photo journal given to her by her teacher.

F PAR

Park, Linda Sue. Project Mulberry. New York: Clarion Books, [2005].

Note: While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more. Between the chapters are short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book.

F REG

Regan, Dian Curtis. The curse of the trouble dolls. New York: H. Holt, [1992].

Note: Angie Wu finds herself the center of attention in the fourth grade when she starts sharing her Guatemalan trouble dolls, supposedly able to make troubles go away.

F SAL

Salisbury, Graham. Under the blood-red sun. Delacorte Pr, [1994].

Note: 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.

F SAL

Salisbury, Graham. Under the blood-red sun. Recorded Books/Playaway, [2005].

Note: 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.

F UCH

Uchida, Yoshiko. The best bad thing. Atheneum, [1983].

Note: Dismayed at having to spend the last month of her summer vacation helping out in the household of recently widowed Mrs. Hata, Rinco discovers there are pleasant surprises for her.

F UCH

Uchida, Yoshiko. The happiest ending. Atheneum, [1985].

Note: When twelve-year-old Rinco learns that a neighbor's daughter is coming from Japan to marry a stranger twice her age, she sets out to change this arrangement and gains new insights into love and adult problems.

F UCH

Uchida, Yoshiko. A jar of dreams. Atheneum, [1981].

Note: A young girl grows up in a closely-knit Japanese American family in California during a time of great prejudice.

F YEP

Yep, Laurence. The journal of Wong Ming-Chung : a Chinese miner. New York: Scholastic, [2000].

Note: A young Chinese 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.

F YEP

Yep, Laurence. Later, Gator. Hyperion Bks. for Children, [1995].

Note: Teddy finds that his imagination has gotten him into trouble once more, when he buys his younger brother Bobby an alligator for his birthday.

F YEP

Yep, Laurence. When the circus came to town. New York: HarperCollins, [2002].

Note: An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a Montana stage coach station to regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face.