

# Own Voices: Asian and Pacific Islander Creators

## Picture Books

Ali, A.E. *Our Favorite Day of the Year.*

Anand, Shelly. *Laxmi's Mooch.*

Bahk, Jane. *Juna's Jar.*

Blackcrane, Gerelchimeg. *The Moose of Ewenki.*

Cha, Hanna. *Tiny Feet Between the Mountains.*

Chen, Vincent. *Hot Pot Night.*

Cho, Tina. *The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story.*

Chöng, Chin-ho. *Look Up!*

Clayton, Sally Pomme. *The Phoenix of Persia.*

Dairman, Tara. *Desert Girl, Monsoon Boy.*

Fan, Larissa. *Ten Little Dumplings.*

Giang, Kristen Mai. *Ginger and Chrysanthemum.*

Goldsaito, Katrina. *The Sound of Silence.*

Gomi, Tarō. *The Great Day; I Really Want to See You, Grandma; and Over the Ocean.*

Gong, Susan. *Ming's Christmas Wishes.*

Gourlay, Candy. *Is it a Mermaid?*

Guidroz, Rukhsanna. *Leila in Saffron.*

Ho, Joanna. *Eyes that Kiss in the Corners.*

Ho, Minfong. *An Eagle's Feather: Based on a Story by the Philippine Eagle Foundation.*

Ishida, Sanae. *Little Kunoichi, The Ninja Girl* (series).

Jiang, Ji-li. *Lotus & Feather and Red Kite, Blue Kite.*

Khan, Hena. *Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets; Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns; Like the Moon Loves the Sky; and Under My Hijab.*

Khan, Rukhsana. *Big Red Lollipop; and King for a Day.*

Kheiriyeh, Rashin. *Bahar, the Lucky; Saffron Ice Cream; and Two Parrots.*

Kim, Anna. *Danbi Leads the School Parade.*

Kim, Aram. *Let's Go to Taekwondo; and No Kimchi for Me.*

Kuo, Julia. *I Dream of Popo.*

Lê, Minh. *Drawn Together; and Lift.*

Leng, Qin. *I am Small.*

Lim, Hope. *I am a Bird.*

Lin, Grace. *A Big Mooncake for Little Star; Dim Sum for Everyone!; Storytelling Math* (series); and *Thanking the Moon.*

Ling, Nancy Tupper. *Double-Happiness.*

Lo, Ginnie. *Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic.*

Look, Lenore. *Brush of the Gods.*

Loomis, Ilima. *'Ohana Means Family.*

Miyakoshi, Akiko. *The Storm; and The Tea Party in the Woods.*

Moore, Katrina. *Grandpa Grumps; and One Hug.*

Murphy, Mary. *What I Like Most.*

Myers, Tim. *Yao Bai and the Egg Pirates.*

Park, Linda Sue. *Gondra's Treasure.*

Pelliccioli, Anna. *Song of the Old City.*

Pham, LeUyen. *Outside, Inside; A Piece of Cake; and There's No Such Thing as Little.*

Phi, Bao. *A Different Pond; and My Footprints.*

Phumiruk, Dow. *Mela and the Elephant.*

Quan, Betty. *Grandmother's Visit.*

Rahman, Bahram. *The Library Bus.*

Rhee, Helena Ku. *The Paper Kingdom.*

Saeed, Aisha. *Bilal Cooks Daal.*

Sanders, Diwa Tharan. *Kaya's Heart Song.*

Santat, Dan. *The Adventures of Beekle; After the Fall; and Are We There Yet?*

Say, Allen. *The Favorite Daughter.*

Sehgal, Kabir. *Festival of Colors; P is for Poppadoms; Thread of Love; and The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk.*

Shraya, Vivek. *The Boy & the Bindi.*

Singh, Ranjit. *Nimesh the Adventurer.*



Smith, Heather. *The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden.*

Soundar, Chitra. *Farmer Falgu Goes on a Trip; Pattan's Pumpkin; Shubh Diwali!; and You're Safe with Me.*

Sullivan, Rosana. *Mommy Sayang.*

Tamaki, Jillian. *Our Little Kitchen; and They Say Blue.*

Tan, Susan. *Piece by Piece.*

Thong, Roseanne. *Noodle Magic.*

Uegaki, Chieri. *Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin; and Ojji-chan's Gift.*

Umrigar, Thrity N. *Binny's Diwali; and Sugar in Milk.*

Wang, Andrea. *The Nian Monster; and Watercress.*

Watts, Jeri Hanel. *A Piece of Home.*

Weston, Robert Paul. *Natsumi's Song of Summer; and Sakura's Cherry Blossoms.*

Yamasaki, Katie. *Fish for Jimmy; and When the Cousins Came.*

Yang, Kao Kalia. *A Map Into the World; The Most Beautiful Thing; and The Shared Room.*

Yi, Ök-pae. *When Spring Comes to the DMZ.*

Yim, Natasha. *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas; Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum; and The Rock Maiden.*

Yum, Hyewon. *Puddle; Saturday is Swimming Day; The Twins' Little Sister; and This is Our House.*

Zhang, Kat. *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon and Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao.*

Zia, F. *Hot Hot Roti for Dada-ji; and Lali's Feather.*

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## World Languages

For those who speak and read in languages other than English, the Main Library's World Language collection for kids contains titles in Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese and more. Below are just a few examples of this growing collection, which includes bilingual titles and dictionaries, as well.

Chin, Oliver Clyde. *The Year of the Rat: Tales of the Chinese Zodiac*. Ralph the rat learns what his best qualities really are when his friend Bing needs help after a big bunch of balloons carries him away. Also by Oliver Clyde Chin: *The Year of the Dog*.

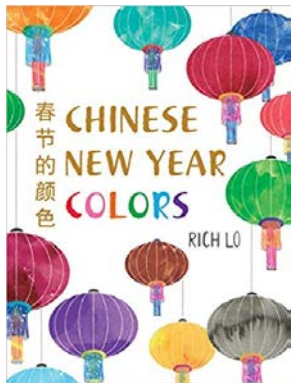
Iwai, Toshio. *100-kaidate no ie* (Japanese). Tochi gets an invitation to play in a building that is 100 stories tall! Can he climb 100 stories? This book is read up from the ground floor.

Lee, Huy Voun. *1,2,3 Go!* (Chinese). One little girl catches a butterfly. Two small swimmers stomp in puddles. Three young musicians bang their drums. The children in this action-packed counting book jump, dance, and run through the numbers from one to ten, introducing the simplest and most logical of the beautiful picture-words that are used in written Chinese.

Lo, Rich. *Chinese New Year Colors*. Celebrate a rainbow of traditional objects seen during the Chinese New Year. Hong is the color of explosive firecrackers! Jin is the hue of lucky coins. Zong is the shade of sweet peanut puffs. Welcome to the festivities of the Chinese New Year, where symbolic gifts, foods, and objects come together in a celebration of beautiful colors

Mado, Michio. *The Animals: Selected Poems* (Japanese). A collection of twenty poems about animals, including the peacock, giraffe, and sea cucumber.

Seitousha. *I ♥ [Love] Japan*. An illustrated introduction to common Japanese culture, from Mount Fuji to green tea to good fortune cats.



Shin, Sun Yung. *Cooper's Lesson* (Korean). When Cooper, a biracial Korean-American boy, feels uncomfortable trying to speak Korean in Mr. Lee's grocery, but maybe he has more in common with the owner than he thinks.

Singh, Rina. *My First Book of Hindi Words: An ABC Rhyming Book of Hindi Language and Indian Culture*. Common Hindi words are worked into English-language rhymes, beginning with: "A is for akash. A sky so blue where little birds fly and big planes, too," and on through "Z is for zukhaam. Achoo! I sneeze. I must have a cold. Mama, hug me please!"

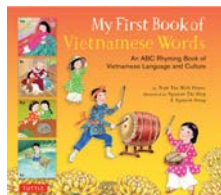
Tran, Phuoc Thi Minh. *My First Book of Vietnamese Words: An ABC Rhyming Book of Vietnamese Language and Culture*. A playful way to learn, this book joins words kids use every day in English with words unique to Vietnamese culture to give kids a glimpse of Vietnamese life and to show how, despite cultural differences, children all over the world have a lot in common.

Trần, Quốc. *The Tet Pole: The Story of the Tet Festival* (Vietnamese). A retelling of the traditional tale of how the Vietnamese people manage, with the help of Buddha, to free themselves of the devils occupying their country and thereafter celebrate this victory during the Lunar New Year Festival, also known as Tet.

Xin, Lin. *I Can Fly in the Sky: A Story of Friends, Flight and Kites* (Chinese). After nursing an injured bird back to health, Little Mo and her father created a magical bamboo bird to keep it company in the sky. With a history of more than 2,000 years, the kite remains an important invention and symbol in Chinese culture. Also by Lin Xin: *I Can Eat with Chopsticks: The Tale of Chopstick Brothers and How They Became a Pair*.

Yang, Belle. *Squirrel Round and Round* (Chinese). Squirrel is busy all year long, from one season into the next and back again. Birds feed their babies in spring, fireflies wink on a summer night, yellow leaves flutter in fall, and squirrel makes fresh tracks in winter's snow.

Yi, T'ae-jun. *Waiting for Mama* (Korean). A small child waits patiently for Mama at a streetcar station one cold and snowy day. Includes facts about the development of the Korean alphabet.



## Early Chapters, Easy Readers, and Paperback Series

Faruqi, Saadia. *Meet Yasmin!* (Level 2 Reader and Early Chapter Series). Pakistani-American second-grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.

Florence, Debbi Michiko. *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* (Early Chapter series). Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's.

Florence, Debbi Michiko. *My Furry Foster Family* (Paperback series). Eight-year-old Kaita Takano and her animal-fostering family do their best to find all sorts of pets their forever homes!

Kim, Carol. *Doggie Daycare* (Paperback series). Siblings Shawn and Kat Choi start their own pet-sitting service out of their San Francisco home. Every dog they meet has its own special personality sending them on fun (and furry) adventures all over the city!

Lee, Lyla. *Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business* (Paperback series). Mindy Kim wants to fit in at her new school, but her favorite lunch leads to scorn, then a thriving business, and finally big trouble.

Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* (Level 2 Reader series). Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* (Early Chapter series). A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything. Also by Lenore Look: *Ruby Lu, Brave and True* (Early Chapter series).

Nayeri, Daniel. *Sasha and Puck and the Potion of Luck* (Early Chapter series). When local chocolate maker Ms. Kozlow comes to the Juicy Gizzard potion shop asking for luck, Sasha needs to find out why.

Sheth, Kashmira. *Nina Soni, Former Best Friend* (Early Chapter series). Organized but sometimes forgetful Nina has a lot to keep track of as she rushes to complete a school project, help with little sister Kavita's birthday party, and make up with best friend Jay.

Yoo, Paula. *The Perfect Gift* (Level 2 Reader series). As her baby brother's 100-day celebration approaches, Mei struggles to find the perfect gift for him.