

# Asian & Pacific Islander Creators

## Recent Fiction and Graphic Novels

### Fiction

Abe, Julie. **Tessa Miyata is No Hero.** Spending the summer in Japan with her grandparents gets more exciting when Tessa breaks an heirloom, accidentally releasing the malicious samurai god Taira Masakado and discovering a hidden part of Tokyo where gods and mythological creatures walk among humans.

Ahn, Angela. **Swimming Into Trouble.** As a member of the Vipers Swim Team, Julia Nam's always in the pool. When an ear infection keeps her out of the water, how will she qualify for the big regional meet?

Ahn, Flora. **A Spoonful of Time.** Maya discovers stories and secrets from her family's past in Korea as her grandmother teaches her to cook. Their family can time travel into memories via food!

Alkaf, Hanna. **Hamra and the Jungle of Memories.** When Hamra steals a magical fruit from a tiger hoping to cure her grandmother, she must repay her debt to the tiger by going on an extraordinary journey to make him human again.

Badua, Tracy. **The Takeout.** Twelve-year-old Mia uses Filipino folk magic to take down the shady chef brothers who are threatening her family's food truck.

Brown, Waka T. **The Very Unfortunate Wish of Melony Yoshimura.** Twelve-year-old Melony befriends a wish-granting demon who encourages her to rebel against her overprotective parents, all while using her for his own evil scheme.

Chapman, Elsie. **The Scroll of Chaos.** Astrid Xu stumbles upon an ancient scroll that she hopes is the key to curing her mother's depression, but it transports her to a realm where Chinese legends are real.

Chen, Nicole. **Lily Xiao Speaks Out.** It's 1993 and Lily dreams of playing in a grunge band with her cool cousin.

Cheng, Jack. **The Many Masks of Andy Zhou.** Sixth grader Andy Zhou grapples with fitting in, befriends a bully, drifts apart from his childhood best friend, and gets to know grandparents who have just moved from Shanghai to live with his family.

Chokshi, Roshani. **The Spirit Glass.** Corazon yearns to finally start training as a babaylan (a mystical healer and spirit guide) under her powerful guardian.

Chow, Karen S. **Miracle.** When her father dies, Amie's ability to play the violin dies, too. Nothing short of a miracle can bring back what she has lost.

DasGupta, Sayantani. **The Chaos Monster** (series). Ten-year-old Kinjal and his twin sister, Kiya, are amazed when flying horses appear and insist on taking them to a place they have never heard of: the Sky Kingdom.

Faruqi, Reem. **Call Me Adnan.** Adnan dreams of making it to the Ultimate Table Tennis championship, but when tragedy strikes, he loses his passion for playing.

Faruqi, Saadia. **The Partition Project.** When her grandmother arrives from Pakistan, Mahnoor learns about Dadi's childhood in northern India and the Partition that forced her to leave her home.

Hamza, Nina. **Samira's Worst Best Summer.** When a seventh grader's favorite tree gets toilet-papered, it's the catalyst for either her worst or best summer ever.

Hemnani, Ritu. **Lion of the Sky.** A novel in verse set in 1947 during the tumultuous days of the Partition.

Hiranandani, Veera. **Amil and the After.** In 1948, 12-year-old Amil, who is both Muslim and Hindu, struggles to find his place in Bombay, India.

Ireland, Meredith. **Emma and the Love Spell.** Twelve-year-old Korean American Emma uses her fickle witchy powers to keep her best friend's parents together so they do not move away.

Kadariusman, Michelle. **We the Sea Turtles: A Collection of Island Stories.** Short stories in which turtles play a role in emotional turning points in young lives.

Kagawa, Julie. **Storm Dragons: Lightningborn.** In a world in the clouds where only the rich own dragons, a poor boy named Remy finds a wild baby dragon—believed to be extinct—and becomes the focus of an evil pirate's vengeance.

Kelkar, Supriya. **The Cobra's Song.** Geetanjali knows she'll never sing like her mother or grandmother, famous classical singers from India. After freezing on stage during a concert, Geetanjali adds "fear of singing" to her list of fears.

Keller, Tae. **Mihi Ever After** (series). When she and her new friends discover a portal to a fairy tale realm, Mihi Whan Park finally gets her shot at being a princess.



Kelly, Erin Entrada. **The First State of Being.** It's August 1999. For twelve-year-old Michael, life is as ordinary as ever, except for the looming Y2K crisis and his overwhelming crush on his fifteen-year-old babysitter, Gibby. But when a disoriented teenage boy appears out of nowhere, Michael discovers there is more to life than stockpiling supplies and pining over Gibby.

Khan, Hena. **Drawing Deena.** When aspiring artist Deena's anxiety reaches a breaking point, both she and her mother learn the importance of asking for help.

Kim, Jessica. **Make a Move, Sunny Park!** Seventh-grader Sunny struggles when she makes the school dance team and her best friend does not.

Lai, Thanhà. **When Clouds Touch Us.** A novel in verse inspired by the author's experience follows Hà and her family, refugees from the Vietnam War, as they move to Texas for a new job. Despite not wanting to start over again, Hà discovers unwanted change can bring opportunity.

LaRocca, Rajani. **Sona and the Golden Beasts.** Discovering a wolf pup she believes is related to the sacred beasts of Devia, Sona embarks on an epic adventure.

Lee, Julie. **In the Tunnel.** Fourteen-year-old Myung-gi flees North Korea with his family during the height of the devastating Korean War, beginning an epic struggle for survival that pushes them to the brink.

Lee, Lyla. **Gigi Shin is Not a Nerd.** Jiyoung "Gigi" Shin loves to create and dreams of becoming an artist, but her working class, immigrant parents want her to focus on her studies and pursue something more "practical." Can she earn enough money to go to the art camp of her dreams?



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Lee, Stacey. *Winston Chu vs. The Whimsies* (series). Winston Chu is supposed to learn impulse control at the cooking academy his mom enrolled him in, but learning to think before he acts won't happen overnight.

Li, Christina. *Ruby Lost and Found*. Thanks to her Ye-Ye's epic scavenger hunts, thirteen-year-old Ruby Chu knows San Francisco like the back of her hand. But after his death, she feels lost, and it seems like everyone is abandoning her.

Ma, Diana. *The Unbeatable Lily Hong*. To save the community center which houses her parents' Chinese school, Lily and her fellow students must master a traditional Chinese dance in time for the showcase.

Maunakea, Malia. *Lei and the Fire Goddess*. Anna must dig deep into her Hawaiian roots to save her best friend and her island from an angry fire goddess.

Nayeri, Daniel. *The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams*. An exciting journey along the Silk Road with young Monk and his newfound guardian, Samir, the so-called "Seller of Dreams," who can talk his way into getting what he wants.

Oh, Ellen. *Haru, Zombie Dog Hero*. Luke and his dog, Haru, are the best of friends. But after their landlord falsely accuses Haru of biting her, Haru is kidnapped!

Perkins, Mitali. *Hope in the Valley*. Twelve-year-old Pandita Paul deals with change, grief, friendship, and growing up in a community facing a housing crisis.

Pinto, Emi. *Bee Bakshi and the Gingerbread Sisters*. Bee wanted to spend the summer reading and exploring the new spooky theme park with her best friend. Instead, she's spending the summer trapped at Storm Lake with her too loud, too thrifty, and too Indian family. But is there magic in the house across the lake?

Respicio, Mae. *Isabel in Bloom*. Making friends in a new country is hard for twelve-year-old Isabel, but joining the gardening and cooking club at school helps.

Riazi, Karuna. *A Bit of Earth*. Maria arrives in Long Island from Pakistan to live with the strange Clayborne family. There she discovers an off-limits garden where she finally feels at home.

Saeed, Aisha. *Grounded*. Four kids' lives are changed forever when their flights are delayed following a Muslim convention.

Sekaran, Shanthy. *Boomi's Boombox*. Twelve-year-old Boomi accidentally travels back in time to 1986 Thumpton-on-Soar, England, where she meets her late father as a child, changing her life forever.

Shang, Wendy Wan-Long. *Bubble Trouble*. Chloe loves musicals and is desperate to go on the class trip to Broadway, so she comes up with a way to earn some money by making and selling boba tea.

Shen, E.L. *The Comeback*. Maxine Chen is just trying to nail that perfect landing: on the ice, in middle school, and at home. The pressure builds when a gifted new skater arrives and a school bully targets Maxine because of her Chinese heritage.

Siddiqui, Maleeha. *Any Way You Look*. Twelve-year-old Ainy is looking forward to working at her mother's clothing store for the summer—and soon wearing a hijab—but when certain boys harass her, she turns to her older sister for help.

Soontornvat, Christina. *The Guardian Test: Legends of Lotus Island* (series). Young Plum is shocked to discover that she's been accepted to the Guardian Academy on Lotus Island, an elite school where kids learn how to transform into Guardians, magical creatures who are sworn to protect the natural world.

Sugiura, Misa. *Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind* (series). All Momo wants for her twelfth birthday is an ordinary life, but instead she finds out she is half human, half goddess and must unlock her divine powers to save her mother's life and keep countless evil spirits at bay.

Tan, Susan. *Ghosts, Toasts, and Other Hazards*. Moving to a new town and trying to keep her family together, Mo must intervene when a mysterious spirit begins attacking her home, compelling Mo to search for the truth about the town's urban legend to figure out what's really going on.

Villanueva, Gail D. *Lulu Sinagtala and the City of Noble Warriors*. Discovering that the creatures and deities of Tagalog myth are real when her mom is kidnapped, Lulu Sinagtala is drawn into a centuries-long war that threatens to throw the whole universe into chaos while trying to save her mom with her newfound powers.

Wang, Andrea. *Summer at Squee*. Tween Phoenny Fang attends a Chinese cultural overnight camp where she explores new friendships and first crushes and discovers a deeper understanding of her community.

Yang, Kelly. *Finally Seen* (series). When ten-year-old Lina Gao leaves China to live with her parents and sister, after five years apart, she must reckon with her hurt, anger, and curiosity and find a way to get her bearings in this new country.

Yee, Lisa. *The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum*. An elite group of underdogs trained to fight crime must save their unique school.

### Graphic Novels

Agarwal, Veronica. *Just Roll With It*.

Ashwin, Kate. *The Night Marchers and Other Oceanian Stories* (Nonfiction Graphic Novels, 398.2 ASH).

Chanani, Nidhi. *Super Boba Café*.

Chau, Alina. *Marshmallow & Jordan*.

Chu, Amy. *Sea Sirens* (series).

Faruqi, Saadia. *Saving Sunshine*.

Fung, Rosena. *Living With Viola*.

Galligan, Gale. *Freestyle*.

Guojing. *Flamingo*.

Heagerty, Mat and Tintin Pantoja. *Unplugged and Unpopular*.

Khor, Shing Yin. *The Legend of Auntie Po*.

Lai, Remy. *Ghost Book*.

LaMotte, Lily. *Unhappy Camper*.

Lam, Michelle. *Meesh the Bad Demon*.

Lê, Minh. *Enlighten Me*.

Liu, Marjorie. *Wingbearer*.

Nguyễn, Trang. *Saving H'non: Chang and the Elephant*.

Santat, Dan. *A First Time for Everything*.

Shammas, Nadia. *Ms. Marvel Stretched Thin*.

Shiga, Jason. *Adventuregame Comics* (series).

Song, Mika. *Norma and Belly* (series).

Soontornvat, Christina. *The Tryout*.

Sterling, Zack. *Mabuhay!*

Tang, Betty C. *Parachute Kids*.

Torres, J. *Stealing Home*.

Wang, Jen. *Stargazing*.

Xu, Wendy. *Tidesong*.

Yee, Reimena. *My Aunt is a Monster*.

Yi, Susie. *A Sky of Paper Stars*.

Ying, Victoria. *Shang-Chi and the Quest for Immortality*.

Young, Ethan. *The Dragon Path*.