

Asian & Pacific Islander Creators

Fiction and Graphic Novels

Fiction

Abe, Julie. **Tessa Miyata is No Hero** (series). Spending the summer in Japan with her grandparents gets more exciting when Tessa breaks an heirloom, 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** (series). 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 regional meet?

Ahn, Flora. **A Brush With Magic**. During her first trip to Korea, Yumi discovers a magical ink brush in her grandfather's attic which inadvertently summons a dokkaebi, a creature from Korean fairy tales.

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.

Athaide, Tina. **Wings to Soar**. In 1972, Viva and her Indian family were forced to leave Uganda. Now in a resettlement camp in England, she struggles to cope with the living conditions there, hoping that her father may join them soon.

Badua, Tracy. **Thea and the Mischief Makers**. Star athlete Thea must face her worst fears when two mischievous duendes, Filipino goblins, threaten to wreak havoc on her life and town.

Brown, Waka T. **Rick Kotani's 400 Million Dollar Summer**. Rick Kotani is looking forward to spending the entire summer playing baseball, but then his mom announces they will be heading to Oregon to help keep an eye on Grandpa Hiroshi while they move him to a retirement home.

Cane, Tina. **Are You Nobody Too?** After a year of distance-learning, Emily Sofer finds her world turned upside down: she has to leave the only school she's ever known to attend a public school in Chinatown. For the first time, Emily isn't the only Chinese student around . . . but looking like everyone else doesn't mean that understanding them will be easy.

Chadda, Sarwat. **Storm Singer**. In a land ruled by fierce winged warriors known as eagle garudas, Nargis is just a poor, lowly human, but she is far from powerless. Nargis is a spirit singer: able to coax small bits of wind, water, fire, and earth to do her bidding through song...well, sometimes.

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 years 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.

Cohen, Emi Watanabe. **Golem Crafters**. Faye has a tough time concentrating in school and struggles to find her voice in her competitive, bi-racial family. Then their uncle and cousin from the Jewish side arrive unannounced to say that it's time the children learn the secret family magic: Golem Crafting.

Dao, Julie C. **Team Chu and The Battle of Blackwood Arena** (series). Clip and Sadie Chu couldn't be more different, but they really love laser tag. When the Blackwood Gaming Arena comes to town, bringing virtual reality headsets and state-of-the-art courses, they couldn't be more excited—or competitive. But then a mysterious figure appears and claims to be a part of the game, forcing the Chus and their friends to save themselves from a sinister force lurking inside the simulation.

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.



The Door Is Open: Stories of Celebration and Community by 11 Desi Voices. A story of community, belonging, and friendship told by South Asian authors through an interconnected anthology, based in the fictional town of Maple Grove, New Jersey.

Faruqi, Reem. **Zarina Divided**. Zarina loves her life in India. She spends her days with her best friends, and playing with her three brothers. However, Muslims are expected to move to a new land, Pakistan, and Zarina is heartbroken at having to move away from all she knows and loves.

Faruqi, Saadia. **The Strongest Heart**. After his mama moves across the globe, Mo and his abbu head to Texas to live with Mo's aunt and cousin Rayyan. The two boys could not be more different, but maybe they can feel like a real family soon.

Florence, Debbi Michiko. **A Study in Secrets**. Meg is pulled into a mysterious treasure hunt at her new boarding school and work with her classmates, who all have secrets of their own.

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.

Heilig, Heidi. **Cincinnati Lee, Curse Breaker**. A young adventurer races to break the family curse by repatriating the artifacts her famed ancestor "saved."

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



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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*** (series). 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.

Kahakauwila, Kristiana. ***Clairboyance***. When she attains the ability to hear what boys are thinking, Clara makes a mess of everything and must fix her mistakes as she tries to figure out old friendships and new ones.

Kashiwaba, Sachiko. ***The Village Beyond the Mist***. A mountain town that's not on any map, a messy bookstore with infinite doors, and a spoiled prince under a forgetful wizard's curse . . . this school break might hold more than Lina bargained for! New English translation of the 1975 Japanese classic that inspired Hayao Miyazaki's film *Spirited Away*.

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 ordinary, except for the looming Y2K crisis and his overwhelming crush on his fifteen-year-old babysitter. When a disoriented teenage boy appears out of nowhere, Michael discovers there is more to life than stockpiling supplies.

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.

Khan, Hiba Noor. ***Safiyyah's War***. When her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run dangerous errands around Paris. Can she find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under the city and lead hundreds of persecuted Jews to safety?

Khan, M.T. ***Amir and the Jinn Princess***. After his mother goes missing, twelve-year-old Amir teams up with the jinn princess Shamsa to find her.

Kim, Graci. ***Dreamslinger***. For her safety, Aria lives at the Resthaven Home for Dreamslingers, a haven for children born with a genetic mutation that transports them to a powerfully magical realm while they sleep. But this magic can be unpredictable—even deadly!

Kim, Jessica. ***On Thin Ice***. Fraternal twins Phoebe and Dexter reluctantly partner up for Phoebe's figure skating competition when Dexter is cut from the hockey team.

Krishnaswami, Uma. ***Birds on the Brain***. Bird lover Reeni is on a quest to save her city's bird count event when the mayor tries to shut it down.

Lại, Thanh Hà. ***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, Lori. ***Pahua and the Soul Stealer*** (series). After an angry spirit steals her brother's soul, lonely 11-year-old Hmong girl Pahua Moua must find her way through the spirit worlds to save him—discovering her true destiny along the way.

Lee, Lyla. ***Gigi Shin is Not a Nerd*** (series). 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 art camp?

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.

Lin, Grace. ***The Gate, The Girl, and The Dragon***. Jin is a Stone Lion—one of the guardians of the Old City Gate who is charged to watch over humans and protect the Sacred Sphere. When Jin's perfect zuqiu kick accidentally knocks the Sacred Sphere out through the gate, he runs after it, tumbling out into the human world with the gate closed behind him.

Ma, Diana. ***Rainbow Fair***. Sophie's loves working the Chinese booth at her school's Rainbow Fair. Her family is Hui, Chinese Muslim, and the Muslim part is something she doesn't know much about, but now her teacher wants her to work both booths.

Mandanna, Sangu. ***Vanya and the Wild Hunt***. Vanya has always felt like she doesn't fit in. She's British-Indian in a mostly white town in England, her parents won't talk about their pasts, and she has ADHD. Oh, and she talks to books. More importantly, the books talk back.

Marianayagam, Maria. ***No Purchase Necessary***. Ajay has a million-dollar problem. He has lived his life dutifully following the rules set by his Tamil parents, but when he steals a candy bar to impress a classmate and then finds out it contains a million dollar prize, he faces a dilemma like never before.

Marr, Shirley. ***Countdown to Yesterday***. Since his parents have separated, James doesn't want to live in the present. When he meets Yan, a girl who looks at the world with x-ray eyes, and discovers that time travel might be possible after all, he wonders if his lost past could be restored.

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

McDermott, Siobhan. ***The Fight for the Hidden Realm*** (series). Yeung Zhi Ging's only hope of escape from her village is to win the single invitation to train as a Silhouette: an apprentice to the immortals. After her ill-fated attempt to impress the Silhouette scout leads to a dragon attack on the jade mountain, Zhi Ging is sure that her chances, and her life, are over.

Monsef, Kiyash. ***Once There Was*** (series). When Marjan discovers her murdered father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures, she realizes she must take up his mantle, despite the many dangers.

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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.

Nguyen, Doan Phuong. ***A Two-Placed Heart: A Memoir in Verse***. Afraid her and her sister could lose sight of their Vietnamese identity, Bom writes a poetic memoir to help them both remember.

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!

Park, Linda Sue. ***Gracie Under the Waves***. Gracie loves snorkeling and the ocean, but on a family trip to Honduras, she's injured and can't explore the sea. Worse, the reef itself is in danger!

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. ***Chai Jinxed***. Trouble is brewing at Margaret's Academy of Tea and Brewing, and unlucky Misha has one chance to fix it with the recipe for the perfect enchanted cup of chai.

Reddeppa, Padma Prasad. ***Flying in Colors***. Aunties tell nine-year-old Pavi that she's asking too many "big women" questions, but she's tired of grown-up secrets. How are babies born? And why do people die? Learning answers is part of growing up!

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, Shanthi. ***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. ***The Best Worst Summer of Esme Sun***. Esme absolutely does not care about winning shiny trophies or getting praised like her three older, brilliant sisters. But, actually...it would be nice to be good at something.

Sheth, Kashmira. ***I'm from Here Too***. Anoop finds his patka drawing unwarranted attention, leading him to contemplate faith, identity, and his role in the world, especially as his grandfather grows older in India and attacks on American Sikhs intensify.

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.

Subramaniam, Suma. ***V. Malar: Greatest Host of All Time***. V. Malar loves living on a farm with her parents in a small town in India, but when her cousins visit from Seattle, it's hard to keep her patience with their city attitudes.

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.

Tokushige, Zoe. ***Airi Sano, Prankmaster General*** (series). After spending her entire childhood moving from one military base to another, Airi's excited to be settling down for the long-term in Hawai'i. She's less excited about her new teacher, who's determined to make Airi like school. But she's got a plan: prank her teacher so hard that she gives up on even trying to get Airi to do any work!

Trehan, Meera. ***Snow***. An imprisoned princess needs the help of a girl from the modern world to undo a wish gone wrong and save the princess's snowy kingdom.

Tsang, Katie. ***Infinity's Secret***. Lance and his sister Zoe are training for the Dragon Force, but when the camp is attacked and an evil plot is uncovered, they must prove themselves as protectors to save the day.

Venkatraman, Padma. ***Safe Harbor***. Moving from India to the US is difficult for Geetha, but things start to get better when she and a new friend help rescue a stranded seal.



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 Phoeny 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*** (series). An elite group of underdogs trained to fight crime must save their unique school.

Yoon, Jenna. ***Lia Park and The Missing Jewel*** (series). Twelve-year-old Lia Park must venture to the undersea kingdom of the Dragon King in Korea to save her parents from an evil diviner.

Zhang, Kat. ***The Magic Paintbrush***. When Amy picks up an ancient paintbrush, it unwittingly unleashes the power to make her art real—and sometimes dangerous.

Zhao, Katie. ***Winnie Zeng Unleashes a Legend*** (series). Armed with her fledgling powers, a magic cookbook, and the mentorship of a talking rabbit, sixth-grader Winnie Zeng must embrace her heritage and the powers of her ancestors to save her town from an evil spirit of Chinese legend.

Zhao, Kyla. ***May the Best Player Win***. When twelve-year-old chess player May Li wins an award for being the top female player at the state championship, the boys on her team question her skills.

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Early Chapters and Easy Readers

Abbas, Marzieh. ***Nadia and Nadir: Beach-Trash Art*** (Easy Readers Level 2, series). On a trip to the beach, Nadia and Nadir are surprised to see so much trash around.

Bidania, V.T. ***Astrid & Apollo and the Fishing Flop*** (Paperback series). Hmong-American twins Astrid and Apollo are on their very first fishing trip!

Fang, Vicky. ***Ava Lin, Best Friend!*** (Early Chapter series). Ava Lin is six and a half years old, loves bubble tea and animals, and is very good at finding treasure and balancing pasta on her nose!

Faruqi, Reem. ***Anisa's International Day*** (Early Chapter). Anisa decides to introduce her third grade class to the art of mehndi.

Faruqi, Saadia. ***Ali the Great and the Market Mishap*** (Easy Readers Level 2, series). Ali and little brother Fateh head to the market for snacks, but Ali loses Fateh!

Faruqi, Saadia. ***Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party*** (Early Chapter series). With her eighth birthday coming up, Marya plans an epic henna party.

Iwai, Melissa. ***Gigi and Ojiji*** (Easy Readers Level 2, series). Biracial 6-year-old Gigi learns about her Japanese culture from her grandfather when he comes to visit.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Felix Powell, Boy Dog*** (Early Chapter). Animal communicator Felix's day takes a bizarre turn when a spell transforms the eight-year-old into a dog.

Khan, Hena. ***Zara's Rules for Finding Hidden Treasure*** (Early Chapter series). After Zara's bike goes missing, her parents insist on her paying for it, so she hunts in the basement for knickknacks to sell.

Kim, Carol. ***Project Toad*** (Early Chapter series). Jina Jeong loves pandas, but a visit to the zoo introduces her to a local endangered species, the Houston toad, and teaches her that it is not only cute and cuddly animals that need to be protected.

Kim, Tina. ***Olive Oh Gets Creative*** (Early Chapter series). When her school has an art show, Olive Oh is thrilled. Being creative is what she does best!

Kochar, Amandeep S. ***Jeet and Fudge: Forever Friends*** (Easy Readers Level 1, series). Jeet is new to town and lonely, but then he meets Fudge, a happy puppy.

Miller, Chanel. ***Magnolia Wu Unfolds it All*** (Early Chapter). Magnolia sets off across New York City to solve the mystery of each missing sock in her parents' laundromat.

Miyakoshi, Akiko. ***Little Shrew*** (Early Chapter). Little Shrew goes about his everyday activities of commuting to work, reflecting on his hopes and dreams, and welcoming his friends for a visit.

Prasad, Maya. ***Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms*** (Early Chapter series). When a storm threatens Diwali celebrations, eight-year-old Sejal Sinha tries to use science to save her family's holiday.

Ruths, Mitali Banerjee. ***Party Diaries: Awesome Orange Birthday*** (Early Chapter, series). Priya is excited for her first party planning customer, Layla Auntie!

Soundar, Chitra. ***Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister?*** (Early Chapter) When Amma tells Sona there will soon be a baby in their house, Sona isn't sure that's good news.

Tan, Susan. ***My Kingdom of Darkness: Pets Rule*** (Early Chapter series). Ember, a Chihuahua, wants to rule the world!

Trinh, Linda. ***The Secret of the Jade Bangle*** (Early Chapter series). The Nguyen kids miss their Grandma Nội, a lot, but she left them special jewelry that might unlock more than just memories.

Vendel, Edward van de and Anoush Elman. ***Miska*** (Early Chapter). Roya's family has a new member—Mishka, a bunny rabbit. He soon becomes a beloved part of their new home and gradually, the rabbit—and also Roya—get to hear the story of the family's journey from Afghanistan to the Netherlands.

Graphic Novels

Agarwal, Veronica. ***Just Roll With It.***

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

Chan, Ruth. ***Uprooted: A Memoir About What Happens When Your Family Moves Back*** (Graphic Novel Bio).

Chanani, Nidhi. ***Super Boba Café.***

Chau, Alina. ***Marshmallow & Jordan.***

Cho, Tina. ***The Other Side of Tomorrow.***

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

Faruqi, Saadia. ***Saving Sunshine.***

Fung, Rosena. ***Living With Viola.***

Galligan, Gale. ***Fresh Start.***

Guojing. ***Oasis.***

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



Hrab, Naseem. ***Otis & Peanut*** (series).

Khan, Hena. ***We are Big Time.***

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

Lai, Remy. ***Chicken Pox.***

LaMotte, Lily. ***Unhappy Camper.***

Lam, Maple. ***Monkey King and the World of Myths.***

Lam, Michelle. ***Meesh the Bad Demon.***

Lê, Minh. ***Enlighten Me.***

Lee, Gee-eun. ***The Legend of Tiger and Tail-Flower.***

Liu, Marjorie. ***Wingbearer.***

Macleod, Kathy. ***Continental Drifter.***

Mandanna, Sangu. ***Jupiter Nettle and the Seven Schools of Magic.***

Nguyen, Mai K. ***Anzu and the Realm of Darkness.***

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*** (series).

Sterling, Zack. ***Mabuhay!***

Tang, Betty C. ***Parachute Kids.***

Torres, J. ***Stealing Home.***

Tsong, Jing Jing. ***Fake Chinese Sounds.***

Wang, Jen. ***Stargazing.***

Wibowo, Jessica. ***Lunar Boy.***

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.***