



## MAY EVENTS AT HOBOKEN LIBRARY CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**Thursday, May 5 at 10:30 am and 12 pm**  
“Storytime” and “Baby Storytime”  
with Ms. Nicole in Church Square Park

**Saturday, May 7 at 3:00 pm**  
Family FUNday with Arise Dance  
Eastern and Western fusion of Music, Poetry and Dance  
in Church Square Park

**Monday, May 9 at 11:30 am (Live on Facebook)**  
**Cooking with Ms. Nicole**

Watch a live demonstration and learn  
how to make Scallion Pancakes for AAPI Month

**Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 pm (Live on Zoom)**  
**Panel Discussion: Make Us Visible NJ**  
Members from *Make Us Visible NJ* will speak about  
the organization and its successful effort to mandate  
teaching Asian American and Pacific Islander history  
in New Jersey schools.

**Saturday, May 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**“KPOP Dance Party” in Church Square Park**  
For adults, teens and children to celebrate AAPI Month.

**Monday, May 23 at 6:00 pm**  
**AAPI Book Club**

**“Rise: A Pop History of Asian America” by Jeff Yang**  
Led by Jennie Pu, Library Director  
This book discussion is geared for Adults  
Small Programming Room (lower level)

**Tuesday, May 31 at 10: 00 am (Live on Zoom)**  
**“Birth of a Picture Book” with Yangsook Choi**  
Children’s author & illustrator will discuss creative process of bookmaking.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL OF THESE EVENTS.**  
Sign-up on the events calendar on the Library’s website  
at [HobokenLibrary.org](http://HobokenLibrary.org)

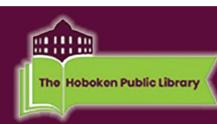
### Contributions:

Graphic Novels/ Comics were compiled by **Doug McKeon**  
Children’s Fiction & Non-Fiction were compiled by  
**Melissa Medina**  
All other titles were compiled by  
**Ethan Galvin**



**“Uniting Our Voices  
and Working Together”**

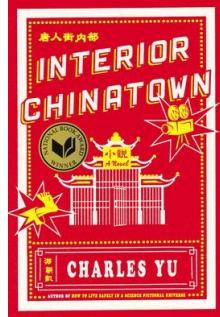
Celebrating Asian Pacific Americans with a collection  
of books, DVDs and graphic novels about their culture  
for adults, teens and children that will inspire  
and stimulate you! Several of the books are available in  
ebook format. \* indicates which ones.



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## Adult Fiction



### Interior Chinatown

*Charles Yu \**  
A deeply personal story about race, pop culture, assimilation, and escaping the roles we are forced to play. Willis Wu discovers the secret history of Chinatown & the buried legacy of his own family.

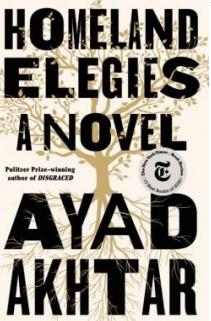
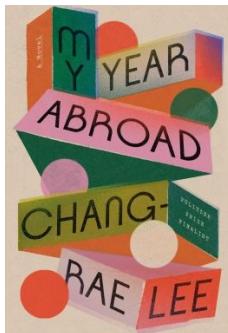


### Win Me Something

*Kyle Lucia Wu \**  
A nuanced coming-of-age debut story about a biracial Chinese American woman in NJ who asks what it really means to belong and how she might begin to define her own life.

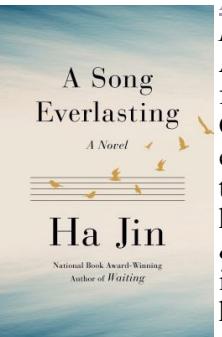
### My Year Abroad

*Chang-Rae Lee \**  
An entertaining story of a young American whose life is transformed when a Chinese American businessman suddenly takes him under his wing on an adventure across Asia.



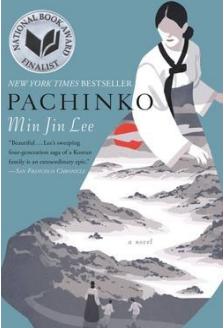
### Homeland Elegies

*Ayad Akhtar \**  
A Muslim-American family struggles to survive in the U.S. following the tragedy of 9/11. The compelling story takes us to palatial suites in Europe to guerrilla lookouts in the Afghan mountains.



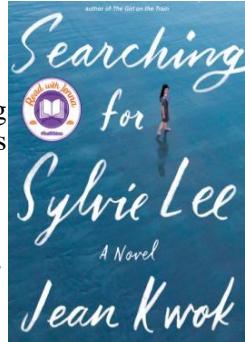
### A Song Everlasting

*Ha Jin \**  
A timely story that follows a famous Chinese singer severed from his country as he tries to find his way in the U.S. & reclaim his ethnic identity & maintain his art.



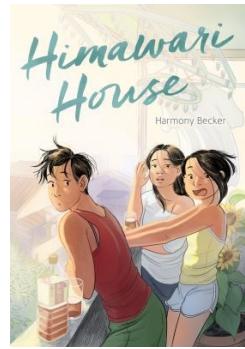
**Pachinko** *Min Jin Lee*  
A saga that follows a Korean family from the 1900s through 8 decades & 4 generations. A Korean girl's unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame her family so she leaves Korea starting a chain of events. \*

**Searching for Sylvie Lee** *Jean Kwok \**  
A drama untangling the complicated ties that bind two Chinese sisters and their mother as the eldest daughter disappears and family secrets emerge.



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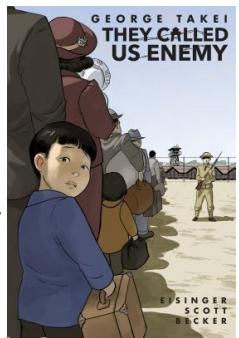
### Himawari House

*Harmony Becker \**  
A Japanese American teen returns to Toyko to reconnect with her heritage. She meets two other girls who came to Japan to freely forge their own paths and bonds with them.



### Best We Could Do

*Thi Bui*  
A memoir describing the author's experiences as a young Vietnamese immigrant and how her family copes with moving from their war-torn home to the U.S.



### They Called Us Enemy

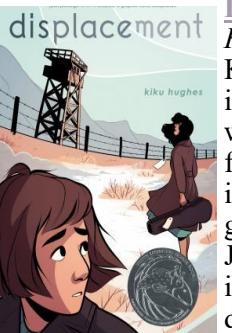
*George Takei \**  
A stunning memoir recounting the author's childhood imprisoned in an American concentration camp during WWII.



### Snotgirl (Vols. 1 & 2)

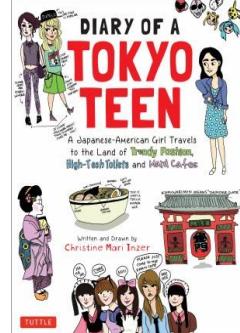


*Bryan Lee O'Malley, art by Leslie Hung*  
A young glamorous fashion blogger is living her best life in L.A. - at least that's what she tells everyone. Actually, her life is out of control.



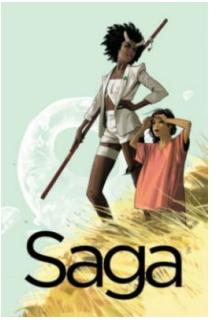
### Displacement

*Kiku Hughes*  
Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco, when suddenly she finds herself stuck in time with her late grandmother in a Japanese-American internment camp during WWII.



### Diary of a Tokyo Teen

*Christine Mari Inzer \**  
Born in Tokyo to a Japanese mother & American father in 1997, a young girl spent her early years in Japan & moved to the U.S. at age 6. She returns to Tokyo at 16 to rediscover her roots.

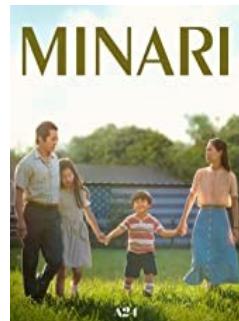


### Saga (Vols. 2-8)

*Brian Vaughan, art by Fiona Staples*  
A young family fights to find their place in the universe. As they visit a strange new world & encounter more adventures their baby Hazel grows up.

## DVDs

Some of these movies are available on Kanopy and Netflix.



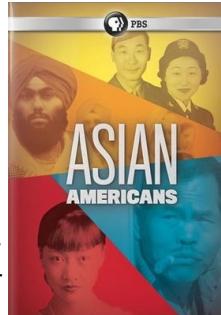
(PG-13, 2021)  
A tender and sweeping story about a Korean-American family that moves to a tiny farm in Arkansas to pursue their own American dream. (Netflix)



(R, 2020)  
An unemployed Korean family is living in a small basement apartment. Their son gets a tutoring job in a lavish home, which changes the family's luck in many ways. (Kanopy)



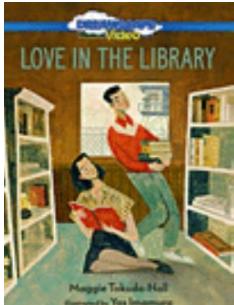
(NR, 2020)  
This timely 5-part series traces the story of Asian Americans, spanning 150 years of immigration, racial politics, international relations, and cultural innovation.



(PG-13, 2021)  
A Filipino teen from a small Texas town fights to pursue her dreams as a country music singer while deciding to stay with her family or leave the only home she's known. (Netflix)



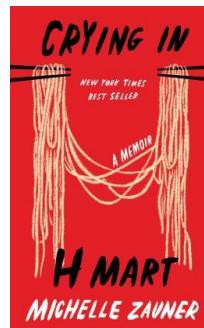
(PG-13, 2019)  
A remarkable film retracing 800 years in medieval Spain when Muslims, Christians & Jews forged a common cultural identity transcending religious differences. (Kanopy)



(PG, 2022)  
A charming animated film set in a WWII internment camp about a Japanese American girl, who works in a tiny library and develops feelings for a frequent patron.

## Adult Non-Fiction

Crying in the H Mart \*



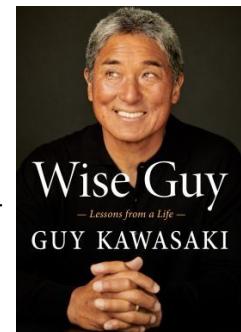
*Michelle Zauner*  
A powerful memoir from the indie rock star of Japanese Breakfast fame about growing up Korean-American, losing her mother & finding herself.



The Groom Will Keep His Name  
*Matt Ortile*  
A collection of tender essays on sex, dating, and identity from a gay Filipino immigrant learning to navigate race, resistance, and romance in America.

Wise Guy: Lessons from a Life

*Guy Kawasaki*  
A personal memoir from the tech fixture who was part of Apple's original Macintosh team. He shares wisdom about venture capital, marketing, business and entrepreneurship.



This is What America Looks Like \*

*Ilhman Omar*  
An intimate memoir by the first African refugee, first Somali-American, & one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress



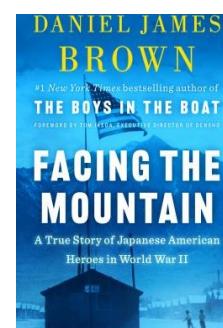
Flying Free

*Cecilia Rodriguez Aragon*  
The compelling story of how Filipino Cecilia Aragon broke barriers and became the first female Latino pilot on the U.S. Aerobatic Team.



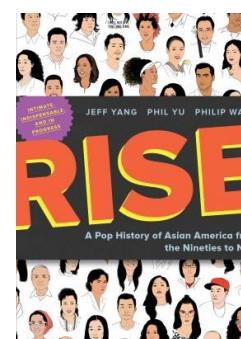
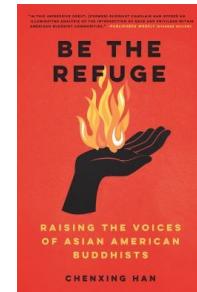
Facing the Mountain

*Daniel James Brown*  
A true story of the Japanese-American heroes in WWII. Interviews with the families of 4 soldiers who were part of the Japanese-American Army unit that overcame brutal odds in Europe. \*

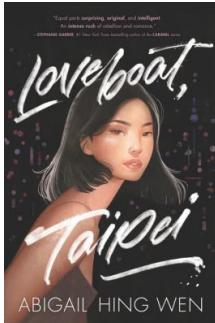


Be the Refugee

*Chenxing Han*  
An insightful chronicle of the voices of Asian-American Buddhists and how they are falsely perceived & stereotyped in the U.S.

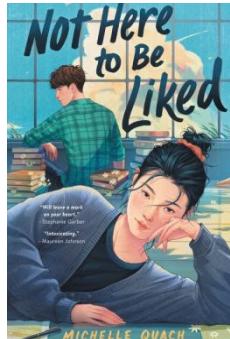


## Young Adult Fiction



Loveboat, Taipei *Abigail Hing Wen* \*

A Chinese American teen is sent to the infamous “Loveboat” in Taiwan for the summer. She discovers Taipei nightlife, hookups & freedom.

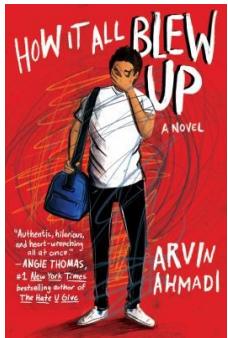


Not Here to Be Liked *Michelle Quach*

After losing the editor’s job of the school newspaper, a Chinese American teen starts a feminist movement amid growing tensions.

### How It All Blew Up

*Arvin Ahmadi*  
After coming out to his Muslim family, an 18 year-old boy embarks on a new life with friends in Rome until he encounters a U.S. Customs officer who threatens his newfound freedom.



### How We Fall Apart *Katie Zhao*

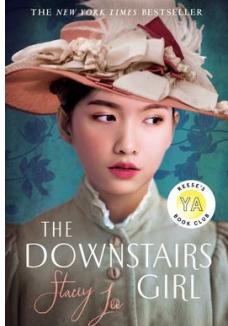
A thriller about four Asian teens, all juniors at a Manhattan Prep school, who are forced to confront secrets after one of their closest friends is found dead.



### The Downstairs Girl

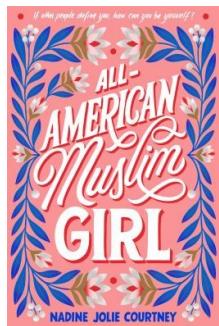
*Stacey Lee* \*

In Atlanta, 1890, a 17-year-old Chinese girl works as a lady’s maid for a cruel and wealthy Southern woman. By night, she writes a newspaper advice column for Southern ladies.



### All-American Muslim Girl \*

*Nadine Courtney*  
A 16-year-old Muslim girl struggles to claim her Muslim heritage, while finding her place as an American teen.



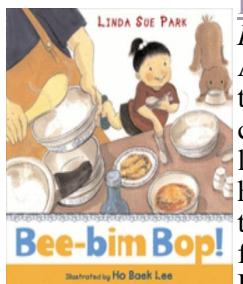
### Tokyo Ever After

*Emiko Jean* \*

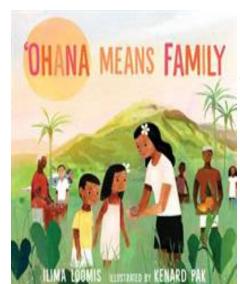
After learning that her father is the Crown Prince of Japan, an 18-year-old travels to Tokyo and discovers that Japanese imperial life is a tough fit for a teen from northern CA.



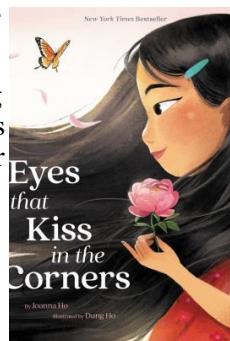
## Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction



Bee-bim Bop! *Linda Sue Park*  
A rhyming story that shows the process of a Korean little girl helping her mother prepare their family’s favorite dish, Bee-Bim Bop!



Ohana Means Family *Ilima Loomis*  
A read aloud that shows us how a Hawaiian family, or Ohana, prepares for a luau, a feast that features music, performances & delicious foods.

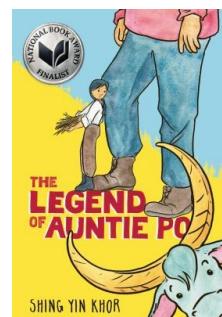
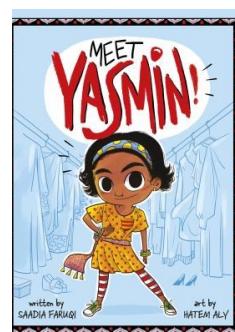


### Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

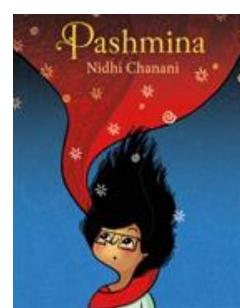
*Joanna Ho* \*

A confident young Asian girl recounts how she shares her eyes, and so much more, with her mother, grandmother, and little sister.

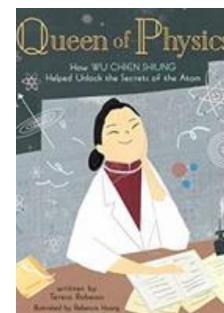
Meet Yasmin *Saadie Faruqui*  
A spirited Pakistani American 2nd grader named Yasmin learns to cope with the problems of school and home while gaining confidence in her skills and creativity.



Legend of Auntie Po *Shing Yin Khor*  
After passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Mei focuses on her job, friends, and telling stories about Paul Bunyan, or Po Pan Yin (Auntie Po), an elderly Chinese matriarch.



Pashmina *Nidhi Chanani*  
Indian American teen, Priyanka, attempts to reconnect with her mother’s homeland through a magical pashmina shawl, which transports her to India.



Queen of Physics *Teresa Robeson* \*

An inspiring memoir about Wu Chien Shiung, a Chinese woman born in 1912, who battles sexism in China and racism in the U.S. for her work on how atoms split.



Chef Roy Choi *June Jo Lee*  
Describes the popular Korean American street cook’s life, working in the family restaurant as a child, deciding his life goals, and his success with the street food remix.