

Asian-Americans in Picture Books



Juv =Juvenile; E=Easy Books; K=Kennedy Library; W=Westergard Library

E Bercaw

Halmoni's Day, by Edna Coe Bercaw / KW

Jennifer is worried that her grandmother from Korea will embarrass her on her school's Grandparent's Day.

E Bunting

So Far From the Sea, by Eve Bunting/ KW

A family visits the WWII Manzanar War Relocation Camp for Japanese-Americans and leaves behind a special symbol on their grandfather's grave.

E Cheng

Grandfather Counts, by Andrea Cheng/ K

When her grandfather comes from China, Helen develops a special bond with him.

E Choi

The Name Jar, by Yangsook Choi/ KW

After Unhei moves from Korea to the United States, her classmates help her decide what her American name should be.

E English

Nadia's Hands, by Karen English/ KW

A Pakistani-American girl takes part in traditional hand painting at her aunt's wedding.

E Garland

My Father's Boat, by Sherry Garland/ KW

A boy spends a day helping his father on board his shrimp boat just as his father used to help his father fish in the sea off Vietnam.

E Gilmore

Lights for Gita, by Rachna Gilmore/ W

Recently emigrated from India, Gita is looking forward to celebrating her favorite holiday, Divali.

E Heo

Father's Rubber Shoes, by Yumi Heo/ KW

Yungsu misses Korea terribly, until his father gives him something.

E Johnston

Fishing Sunday, by Tony Johnston/ K

A boy is embarrassed over his grandfather's old Japanese way, but after one Sunday, learns to see them in a new light.

E Krishaswami

Chachaji's Cup, by Uma Krishaswami/ KW

A boy learns about his family's history and the partition of India when he finds out about an old teacup.

E Lin

Ugly Vegetables, by Grace Lin/ KW

A girl's mother insists on growing Chinese vegetables in her garden.

E Look

Henry's First-Moon Birthday, by Lenore Look/ KW

A young girl helps her grandmother with preparations for the traditional Chinese celebration to welcome her new baby brother.

E McKay

Journey Home, by Lawrence McKay/ K

Mai travels to Vietnam, land of her mother's birth.

E Noguchi

Flowers from Mariko, by Rick Noguchi/ KW

After she and her family are released from a Japanese American World War II internment camp, Mariko plants a garden.

E Peacock

Mommy Far, Mommy Near: an Adoption Story, by Carol Antoinette Peacock/ KW

Elizabeth, adopted from China, describes her two mothers.

E Park

Good-bye 382 Shin Dang Dong, by Frances Park/ KW

Jangmi is moving to America, but first she must say good-bye to all her favorite things and customs from her native Korea.

E Rattigan

Dumpling Soup, by Jama Kim Rattigan/ KW

A girl from Hawaii tries to make dumplings from her family's New Year celebration.

E Recorvitis

My Name is Yoon, by Helen Recorvitis/ KW

When Yoon comes to live in the United States, she doesn't want to write her English name.

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Lakas and the Manilatown Fish/ Si Lakas at ang Isdang Manilatown, by Anthony Robles/ KW

When Lakas and his dad go shopping in San Francisco, they meet a most unusual fish.

E Rumford

Island-below-the-star, by James Rumford/ W

Five brothers, each with a special skill, sail across the Pacific to islands now known as Hawaii.

E Terasaki

Ghosts for Breakfast, by Stanley Terasaki/ KW

One night a young boy and his father investigate their neighbors' report of ghosts on a nearby farm.

E Wells

Yoko, by Rosemary Wells/ KW

The children in the cafeteria make fun of the sushi Yoko brings for lunch.

E Wells

Yoko's Paper Cranes, by Rosemary Wells/ KW

When Yoko moves from Japan to California, she makes origami cranes to send to her grandmother.

E Wong

Apple Pie Fourth of July, by Janet Wong/ KW

A Chinese American child fears that the food her parents are preparing to bring to a Fourth of July celebration will not eaten.

E Wong

The Trip Back Home, by Janet Wong/ KW

A girl and her mother travel to Korea to visit their family.

E Yin

Coolies, by Yin/ K

A boy hears the story of his great-great-great-grandfather, who came to the United States to help build the Transcontinental Railroad.