**Asian Heritage Month**

Asia is the largest of Earth’s continents, and many distinct countries and cultures are encapsulated in the term. This month, I have attempted to feature as many of those countries and cultures as possible in just one list:

* **East Asia:** China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan (<https://asiasociety.org/countries-regions/east-asia> )
* **Southern Asia:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (<https://asiasociety.org/countries-regions/south-asia> )
* **Western Asia:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen (<https://asiasociety.org/countries-regions/west-asia> )
* **Central Asia:** Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Tibet, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan (<https://asiasociety.org/countries-regions/central-asia> )
* **Southeast Asia:** Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam (<https://asiasociety.org/countries-regions/southeast-asia> )

**Picture Books – Fiction and Non-Fiction**

* The Name Jar, by Yangsook Choi
* The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story, by Tina M. Cho
* I am the Subway, by Kim Hyo-eun
* Eyes That Kiss in the Corners, by Joanna Ho
* Hello, Rain!, by Kyo Maclear
* Niki Nakayama: A Chef’s Tale in 13 Bites, by Debbi Michiko Florence
* Bilal Cooks Daal, by Aisha Saeed
* When I Colored in the World, by Ahmadreza Ahmadi
* Sitti’s Bird: A Gaza Story, by Malak Mattar
* Salma the Syrian Chef, by Danny Ramadan
* Teatime Around the World, by Denyse Waissbluth
* Dear Yeti, by James Kwan
* When Lola Visits, by Michelle Sterling
* Krit Dreams of Dragon Fruit: A Story of Leaving and Finding Home, by Natalie Becher
* The Doll, by Nhung N. Tran-Davies
* My Day with Gong Gong, by Sennah Yee
* Hug?, by Charlene Chua
* Do You Even Know Me?, by Reem Faruqi

**Middle School – Fiction and Non-Fiction**

* Lion of the Sky, by Ritu Hemnani
* Finally Seen, by Kelly Yang
* Grounded, by Aisha Saeed, Huda Al-Marashi, Jamilah Thompkins Bigelow, and S.K. Ali
* Red, White, and Whole, by Rajani LaRocca
* Karthik Delivers, by Sheela Chari
* Morning Sun in Wuhan, by Ying Chang Compestine ([educator’s guide](https://b0f646cfbd7462424f7a-f9758a43fb7c33cc8adda0fd36101899.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/teaching-guides/TG-9780358572053.pdf))
* In the Beautiful Country, by Jane Kuo
* Pilu of the Woods, by Mai K. Nguyen
* Listen, Slowly, by [Thanhhà Lai](https://bookshop.org/contributors/thanhha-lai-a66f9256-dccd-4b40-8a16-89fbd37275ad)
* The Night Diary, by Veera Hiranandani
* Piece by Piece: The Story of Nisrin’s Hijab, by Priya Huq
* Planet Hockey by J. Torres
* Brother’s Keeper, by Julie Lee
* Soul Lanterns, by Shaw Kuski
* Mabuhay!, by Zachary Sterling
* Kung Fu Master, by Marty Chan
* Séance Tea Party, by Reimena Yee
* Nayra and the Djinn, by Iasmin Omar Ata
* That Thing About Bollywood, by Supriya Kelkar
* It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel, by Firoozeh Dumas
* While I Was Away, by Waka T. Brown
* Finding Home: The Journey of Immigrants and Refugees, by Jen Sookfong Lee
* A Song for China: How My Father Wrote *Yellow River Cantata*, by Ange Zhang

**High School – Fiction and Non-Fiction**

* This Book Won’t Burn, by Samira Ahmed
* The Magic Fish, by Trung Le Nguyen
* Persepolis, by Marjane Satrapi
* XOXO, by Axie Oh
* Throwback, by Maurene Goo
* The Beauty of the Moment, by Tanaz Bhathena
* From Little Tokyo, With Love, by Sarah Kuhn
* As Long As the Lemon Trees Grow, by Zoulfa Katouh
* Loveboat, Taipei, by Abigail Hing Wen
* Sway With Me, by Syed M. Masood
* Queen of the Tiles, by Hanna Alkaf
* When Dimple Met Rishi, by Sandhya Menon
* The Queens of New York, by E.L. Shen
* The Shatter Me series, by Tahereh Mafi
* Something More, by Jackie Khalilieh
* Saints & Misfits, by S.K. Ali
* A Land of Permanent Goodbyes, by Atia Abawi
* A Magic Steeped in Poison, by Judy I. Lin
* Homes, by Abu Bakr al Rabeeah with Winnie Yeung
* Peace by Chocolate, by Jon Tattrie
* They Called Me Lioness, by Ahed Tamimi and Dena Takruri
* The Lemon Tree, by Sandy Tolan – Young Readers’ Edition
* Messy Roots, by Laura Gao

**More online resources:**

* Encyclopedia Britannica, Elementary School: <https://school.eb.com/levels/middle/search/articles?query=asia&includeLevelThree=true>
* Encyclopedia Britannica, Middle School: <https://school.eb.com/levels/middle/search/articles?query=asia&includeLevelThree=true>
* Encyclopedia Britannica, High School: <https://school.eb.com/levels/high/article/Asia/110518>
* The Canadian Encyclopedia, Asian Heritage Collection: <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/collection/asian-heritage-in-canada>
* World Almanac for Kids, Elementary: <https://wake.infobase.com/search-results.aspx?searchTerm=Asia&filter=all&pagination=1&sortBy=relevance&cFilter=69488&cSearch=&sSearch=>
* World Almanac for Kids, Secondary: <https://wak.infobaselearning.com/search-results.aspx?searchTerm=Asia>
* Government of Canada, Noteworthy Canadians of Asian Heritage: <https://canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/noteworthy-figures.html#s7>
* Government of Canada, Significant Events: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/important-events.html>
* Government of Canada, Addressing Anti-Asian Racism: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/anti-asian-racism.html>
* Canadian Human Rights Commission, Anti-Racism Work: <https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/anti-racism-work>
* Canadian Museum of Human Rights, Be an Upstander: <https://humanrights.ca/upstander/#/>
* TedEd, Asia: [https://www.youtube.com/@TEDEd/search?query=asia](https://www.youtube.com/%40TEDEd/search?query=asia)
* Khan Academy, Art of Asia: <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-asia>
* Khan Academt, A Brief History of the Cultures of Asia: <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/start-here-apah/brief-histories-apah/a/a-brief-history-of-the-cultures-of-asia>
* Kiddle, Asia: <https://kids.kiddle.co/Asia>