

# WING LUKE MUSEUM

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### Resources for your future field trip!

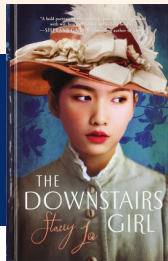
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### ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Asian Americans have been a part of American History for hundreds of years. From early Chinese Americans searching for Gum Saan (gold mountain) in the midst of the California gold rush to the Filipino/a/x American labor organizers who helped welcome a new wave of worker's rights, Asian Americans have been pioneers in countless industries, movements, and communities. Here are a few stories you can share with your students to set the stage for the many different stories they might encounter in our tours and exhibits.

#### THE DOWNSTAIRS GIRL

BY STACY LEE

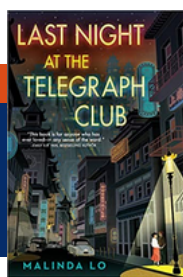


By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady, "Dear Miss Sweetie." When her column becomes wildly popular, she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills, but she's not prepared for the backlash that follows when her column challenges fixed ideas about race and gender. While her opponents clamor to uncover the secret identity of Miss Sweetie, a mysterious letter sets Jo off on a search for her own past and the parents who abandoned her as a baby.

ISBN: 9781600602610

#### LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB

BY MALINDA LO



Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the feeling took root—that desire to look, to move closer, to touch. Whenever it started growing, it definitely bloomed the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. Suddenly everything seemed possible. But America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father—despite his hard-won citizenship—Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.

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#### BUTTERFLY YELLOW

BY THANH HÀ LAI

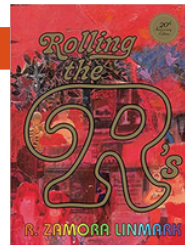


In the final days of the Việt Nam War, Hăng takes her little brother, Linh, to the airport, determined to find a way to safety in America. In a split second, Linh is ripped from her arms—and Hăng is left behind in the war-torn country. Six years later, Hăng has made the brutal journey from Việt Nam and is now in Texas as a refugee. She doesn't know how she will find the little brother who was taken from her until she meets LeeRoy, a city boy with big rodeo dreams, who decides to help her. Hăng is overjoyed when she reunites with Linh. But when she realizes he doesn't remember her, their family, or Việt Nam, her heart is crushed. Though the distance between them feels greater than ever, Hăng has come so far that she will do anything to bridge the gap.

ISBN: 978-0062229229

#### ROLLING THE R'S

BY R. ZAMORA LINMARK



Illuminated by pop fantasies, Donna Summer disco tracks and teen passion, the fiercely earnest characters in Rolling the R's come to life against a background of burning dreams and neglect in a small 1970s Hawaiian community. In his daring first novel, R. Zamora Linmark treats the music of the Bee Gees and schoolyard bullying as equally formative experiences in the lives of a group of Filipino fourth-graders living in Kalihi, Honolulu, who call themselves the "Farrah Fawcett Fan Club." The characters' stories unfold largely in the documentary detritus of their lives—their poems and prayers, book reports and teacher evaluations—all written in carefully observed, pitch-perfect vernacular.

ISBN: 978-1885030511

#### LOOKING FOR MORE?

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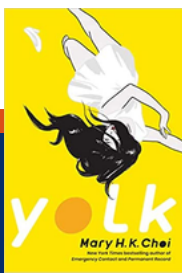
The current-day Asian American experience is vast and diverse. From activism to the arts, Asian Americans can find themselves in all aspects of society, community, and culture today. Here are just a few stories that can help your students prepare to see our communities both as they existed in history and how they exist in the present. These books can give your students a new understanding of what it means to be Asian in America today.

#### **PATRON SAINTS OF NOTHING** BY RANDY RIBAY



Jay Reguero plans to spend the last semester of his senior year playing video games before heading to the University of Michigan in the fall. But when he discovers that his Filipino cousin Jun was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, and no one in the family wants to talk about what happened, Jay travels to the Philippines to find out the real story. Hoping to uncover more about Jun and the events that led to his death, Jay is forced to reckon with the many sides of his cousin before he can face the whole horrible truth -- and the part he played in it.

ISBN: 978-0525554929



#### **YOLK** BY MARY HK CHOI

Jayne and June Baek are nothing alike: June, the typical type-A first-born financial advisor, and Jayne, an emotional and artsy student. Once thick as thieves, these sisters who moved from Seoul to San Antonio to New York together now don't want anything to do with each other. That is, until June gets cancer. And Jayne becomes the only one who can help her. Flung together by circumstance, housing woes, and family secrets, will the sisters learn more about each other than they're willing to confront? And what if while helping June, Jayne has to confront the fact that maybe she's sick, too?

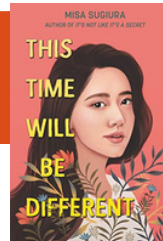
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#### **AMERICAN BETIYA** BY ANURADHA D. RAJURKAR

Rani Kelkar has never lied to her parents, until she meets Oliver. The same qualities that draw her in--his tattoos, his charisma, his passion for art--make him her mother's worst nightmare. They begin dating in secret, but when Oliver's troubled home life unravels, he starts to ask more of Rani than she knows how to give, desperately trying to fit into her world, no matter how high the cost. When a twist of fate leads Rani from Evanston, Illinois to Pune, India for a summer, she has a reckoning with herself--and what's really brewing beneath the surface of her first love.

ISBN: 978-1984897152



#### **THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT** BY MISA SUGIURA

Katsuyamas never quit—but seventeen-year-old CJ doesn't even know where to start. She's never lived up to her mom's type A ambition, and she's perfectly happy just helping her aunt, Hannah, at their family's flower shop. She doesn't buy into Hannah's romantic ideas about flowers and their hidden meanings, but when it comes to arranging the perfect bouquet, CJ discovers a knack she never knew she had. A skill she might even be proud of. Then her mom decides to sell the shop—to the family who swindled CJ's grandparents when thousands of Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during WWII. Soon a rift threatens to splinter CJ's family, friends, and their entire Northern California community; and for the first time, CJ has found something she wants to fight for.

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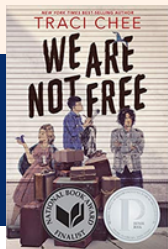
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### JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION

The Chinatown/International District was undeniably altered by the effects of Japanese American incarceration during World War II. From the displacement of the vibrant and sizable Japanese American community to the loss of historic spaces and businesses within Nihonmachi, or Japantown, Japanese American incarceration left our neighborhood forever changed. The books below are a small fraction of the resources that can help prepare your students to walk through our historic Japantown and develop nuanced and thoughtful conversations about Japanese American history.

#### WE ARE NOT FREE BY TRACI CHEE



Fourteen teens who have grown up together in Japantown, San Francisco. Fourteen teens who form a community and a family, as interconnected as they are conflicted.

Fourteen teens whose lives are turned upside down when over 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry are removed from their homes and forced into desolate incarceration camps. In a world that seems determined to hate them, these young Nisei must rally together as racism and injustice threaten to pull them apart.

ISBN: 978-0358668107

#### WE HEREBY REFUSE BY FRANK ABE, TAMIKO NIMURA, ROSS ISHIKAWA, MATT SASAKI



Three voices. Three acts of defiance. One mass injustice. The story of camp as you've never seen it before. Japanese Americans complied when evicted from their homes in World War II -- but many refused to submit to imprisonment in American concentration camps without a fight. In this groundbreaking graphic novel, meet JIM AKUTSU, the inspiration for John Okada's No-No Boy, who refuses to be drafted from the camp at Minidoka when classified as a non-citizen, an enemy alien; HIROSHI KASHIWAGI, who resists government pressure to sign a loyalty oath at Tule Lake, but yields to family pressure to renounce his U.S. citizenship; and MITSUYE ENDO, a reluctant recruit to a lawsuit contesting her imprisonment, who refuses a chance to leave the camp at Topaz so that her case could reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

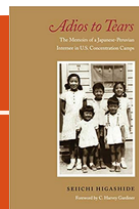
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#### DISPLACEMENT BY KIKU HUGHES

Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco when suddenly she finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her late grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to during World War II. These displacements keep occurring until Kiku finds herself "stuck" back in time. Living alongside her young grandmother and other Japanese-American citizens in internment camps, Kiku gets the education she never received in history class. She witnesses the lives of Japanese-Americans who were denied their civil liberties and suffered greatly, but managed to cultivate community and commit acts of resistance in order to survive.

ISBN: 978-1250193537



#### ADIOS TO TEARS: THE MEMOIRS OF A JAPANESE-PERUVIAN INTERNEE IN U.S. CONCENTRATION CAMPS BY SEIICHI HIGASHIDE

Adios to Tears is the very personal story of Seiichi Higashide (1909–97), whose life in three countries was shaped by a bizarre and little-known episode in the history of World War II. Born in Hokkaido, Higashide emigrated to Peru in 1931. By the late 1930s he was a community leader in the provincial town of Ica, but following the outbreak of World War II, he, along with other Latin American Japanese, was seized by police and forcibly deported to the United States. He was interned behind barbed wire at the Immigration and Naturalization Service facility in Crystal City, Texas, for more than two years. After his release, Higashide elected to stay in the U.S. and eventually became a citizen and a leading activist for redress for Peruvian Japanese communities incarcerated during the war.

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