



For May's edition of Book Celebrations, we are highlighting **Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage**. Especially as violence against Asian peoples continues to rise, it is important for all of us to know the stories and journeys of Asian communities.

We also honor other awareness and cultures celebrated in May, including Mental Health Awareness, Jewish American Heritage, Memorial Day, and Foster Care Month.

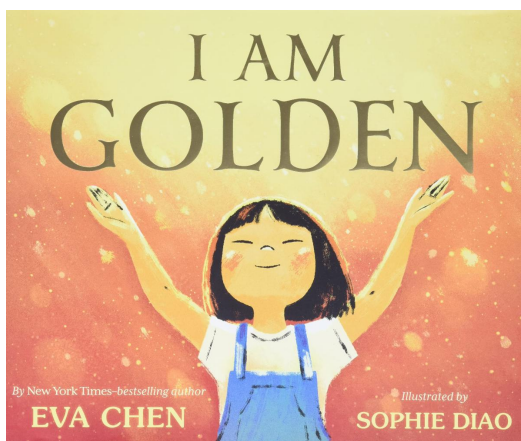
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BOOKS FOR KIDS

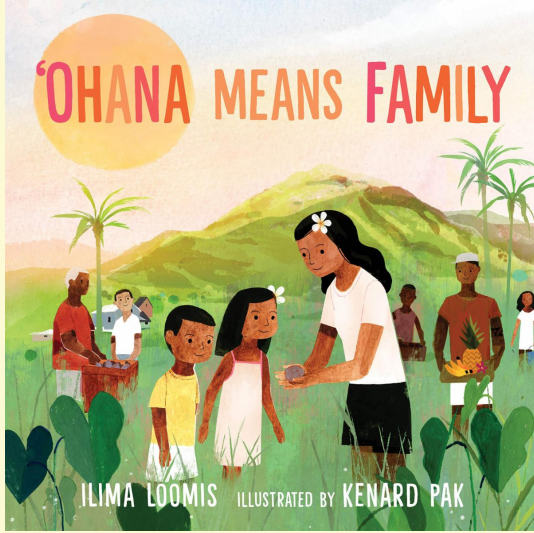


I am Golden

by Eva Chen | Illustrated by Sophie Diao

A celebration of Chinese American identity, readers follow Mei's journey in appreciating her heritage through incredible artwork and beautiful language.

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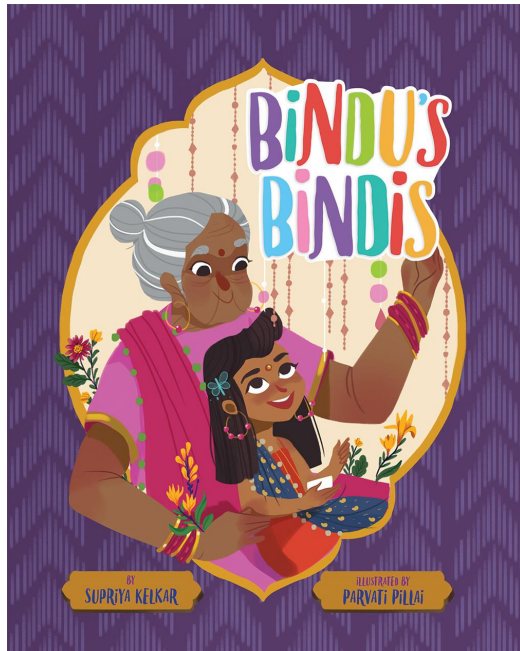


'Ohana Means Family

by Ilima Loomis | Illustrated by Kenard Pak

Complete with a glossary of Hawaiian terms, *'Ohana Means Family* is a tale of indigenous Hawaiian culture and history. Readers can see landscapes and stories displayed through Kenard Pak's detailed illustrations.

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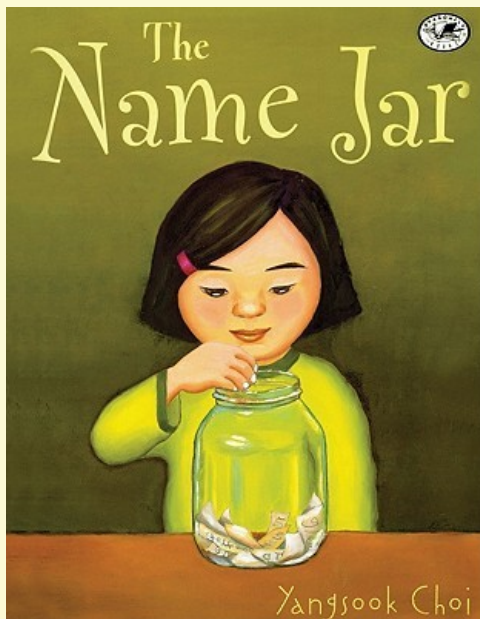


Bindu's Bindis

by Supriya Kelkar | Illustrated by Parvati Pillai

Bindu loves bindis and the different shapes and sizes they come in. When Nana comes from India to visit, the two work together to ensure Bindu's school talent show is a perfect showcase of their culture and traditions.

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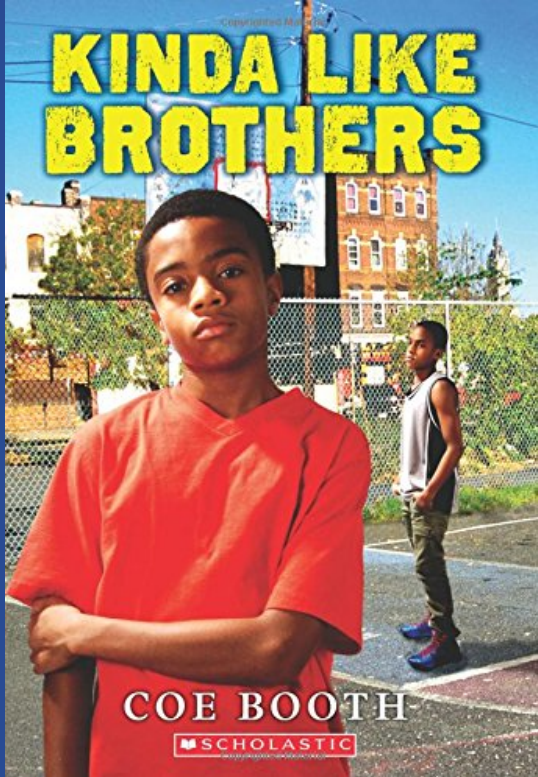
The Name Jar

by Yangsook Choi

Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is nervous about fitting in at her American school with her unique name. Upon suggestion from her new classmates, Unhei thinks about choosing a new name for herself. As her self-discovery continues, she realizes that many of the possible names just won't do.

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Celebrating Foster Care Month



Kinda Like Brothers

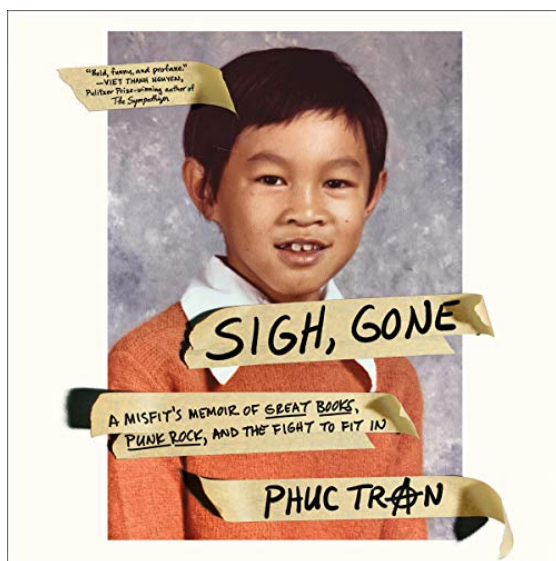
by Coe Booth

Jarrett is frustrated with Kevon moving in and them now having to share a bedroom. Despite both boys being the same age, Jarrett does not want to be friends with his new foster brother. As their time together grows and the boys become increasingly agitated with each other, they must learn quickly how to get along. This book, recommended for grades 3-7, is an excellent tale to explain foster care, and when it is important to put the needs of someone else above our own.

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BOOKS FOR ALL



Memoir

Sigh, Gone: A Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In

by Phuc Tran

Phuc Tran immigrates to America along with his family in the mid-1970s during the fall of Saigon. In his teens, he struggles with two homes: one with his parents and another with American youth culture. He experiences abuse, racism, and tragedy, but also finds redemption through books and punk rock.

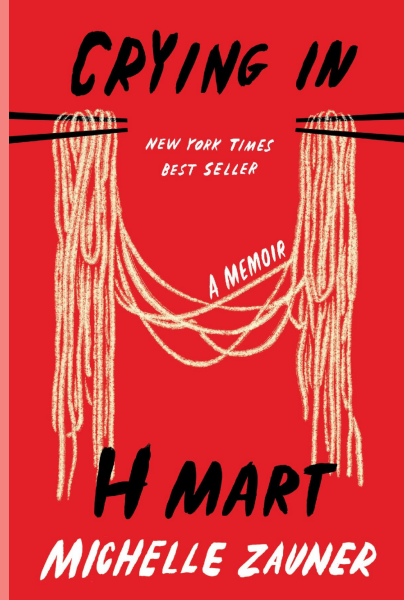
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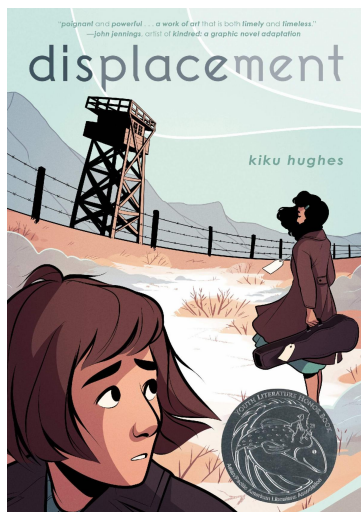
by Michelle Zauner

You may already know about Michelle Zauner if you are a fan of the Grammy-nominated band Japanese



Breakfast. Zauner recounts her childhood in Eugene, OR where she was one of the few Asian American kids in her class while also balancing high expectations set by her mother. These memories plus other adventures are a humorous retelling of Zauner's approach to both life and music.

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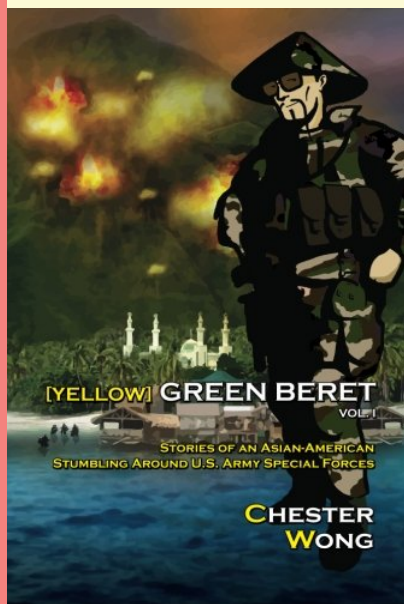
Graphic Novel

Displacement

by Kiku Hughes

While on vacation in San Francisco, Kiku finds that she has traveled back in time as a prisoner of the Japanese-American citizen internment camps. She becomes friends alongside her young grandmother as they try to survive the injustices and denial of civil liberties together.

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Memoir

Yellow Green Beret

by Chester Wong

An account of both hilarity and dark honesty, Chester Wong tells of his time serving as a Green Beret combat commander on the frontlines of Iraq and the Philippines. His writing is riddled with self-deprecating humor but also acute observations as he shows the reader what it was really like serving America in training and wars while still a minority.

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Acknowledging Mental Health Awareness Month

Novel



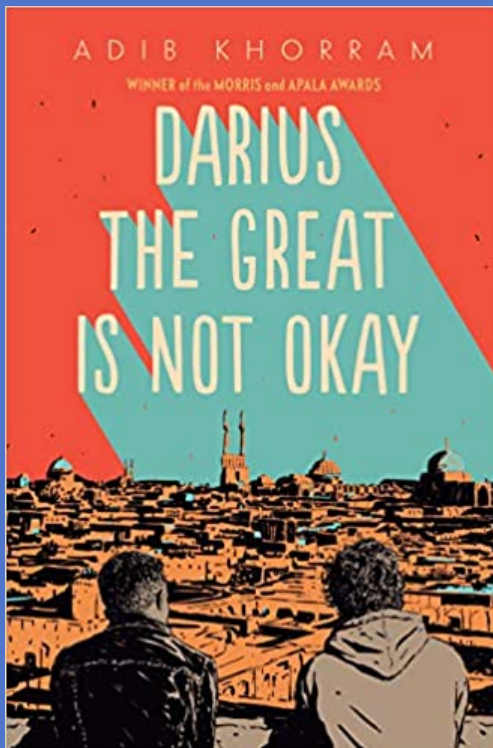
Every Body Looking

by Candice Iloh

Ava is a freshman attending a Historically Black College, trying new things - and people - while attempting to find peace with her family and their past. Through dance, and exploring her body and sexuality, Ava embarks on a very important journey of self-discovery and self-acceptance.

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Acknowledging Mental Health Awareness Month



YA Novel

Darius the Great is Not OK

by Adib Khorram

Darius is worried about fitting in when his family travels to Iran, where they are originally from. Also diagnosed with clinical depression, Darius would rather spend his time reading Lord of the Rings or watching Star Trek. After making friends with a neighbor boy, Darius begins to explore and better appreciate his culture so much so he begins to feel like himself for the first time.

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Celebrating Jewish Heritage Month

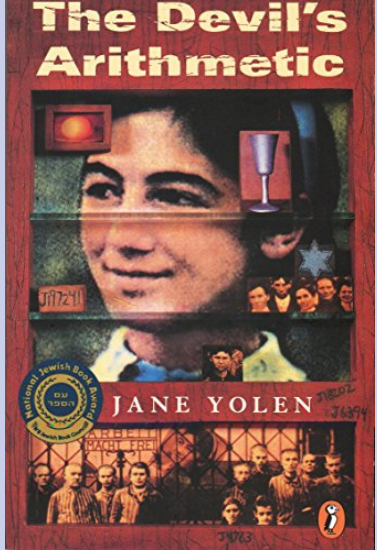
Historical Fiction

The Devil's Arithmetic

by Jane Yolen

Tired of reliving the past through her relative's stories, Hannah is not excited to go to another Passover seder. At one point in the dinner, Hannah finds herself transported back in time where she meets other girls her age as they board the trains to a concentration

camp. Only Hannah knows what is in store for them.



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