May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Celebrate with these stories!

**PICTURE BOOKS**

*Drawn Together* by Minh Lê  
A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.

*A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin  
Reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a Big Moon Cake and, despite Mama's request to wait, Little Star begins nibbling at it every night.

*Ohana Means Family* by Ilima Loomis  
In this cumulative rhyme in the style of "The House That Jack Built," a family celebrates Hawaii and its culture while serving poi at a luau.

*Grandpa Grumps* by Katrina Moore  
When Daisy's grandfather, Yeh-Yeh, visits from China, she does everything she can think of to make him smile and finally finds a way. Includes glossary of Chinese words and recipe for fried rice.

*The Proudest Blue: A Story of a Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad  
With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.

*My Footprints* by Bao Phi  
Upset after being bullied, Thuy, a Vietnamese American, pretends she is different creatures, including an especially strong, wonderful being made up of her two mothers and herself.

*Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed  
Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done.

*Shubh Diwali!* by Chitra Soundar  
Diwali has arrived! Rangoli art decorates the floor and strings of flowers hang around the doors. Now it's time to ring the bells, light the lamps, and welcome the new year with family and friends. A sweet introduction to the Hindu festival of lights.
Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi
In this compilation of four separately published books, Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.

Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen by Debbi Michiko Florence
Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year’s. Includes a recipe for mochi. First in a series.

Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business by Lyla Lee
Mindy Kim wants to fit in at her new school, but her favorite lunch leads to scorn, then a thriving business, and finally big trouble. First in a series.

Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian
Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.

Nina Soni, Former Best Friend by Kashmira Sheth
Organized but sometimes forgetful Nina has a lot to keep track of as she rushes to complete a school project, help with little sister Kavita’s birthday party, and make up with best friend Jay. First in a series.

Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts by Katie & Kevin Tsang
After an unfortunate (and very embarrassing) incident in the Space Museum, Sam goes on a mission to prove to the school bully, and all his friends, that he’s not afraid of anything—just like the heroes on his favorite show, Space Blasters. And when it looks like his house is haunted, Sam gets the chance to prove how brave he can be.

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems—but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.
**Stand Up, Yumi Chung!** by Jessica Kim
On the outside, Yumi Chung suffers from #shygirlproblems, a perm-gone-wrong, and kids calling her “Yu-MEAT” because she smells like her family’s Korean barbecue restaurant. On the inside, Yumi is ready for her Netflix stand-up special. Her notebook is filled with mortifying memories that she’s reworked into comedy gold. All she needs is a stage and courage.

**Before the Sword** by Grace Lin
An original tale, inspired by legends of Mulan Hua and popularized by Disney. When her sister is bitten by a poisonous spider, Mulan travels with a healer to find a flower from which the antidote can be made to save her sister’s life.

**When You Trap a Tiger** by Tae Keller
When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with their sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni.

**We Dream of Space** by Erin Entrada Kelly
The Thomas children exist in their own orbits, circling a tense and unpredictable household, with little in common except an enthusiastic science teacher named Ms. Salonga. As the launch of the Challenger approaches, Ms. Salonga gives her students a project—they are separated into spacecraft crews and must create and complete a mission. When the fated day finally arrives, it changes all of their lives and brings them together in unexpected ways.

**Pie in the Sky** by Remy Lai
When Jingwen moves to a new country, school is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn’t speak English, and he’s often stuck looking after his irritating little brother, Yanghao. Jingwen daydreams about making the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The problem: his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she’s at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they’ll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret.

**The Best At It** by Maulik Pancholy
Rahul Kapoor is heading into seventh grade in a small town in Indiana. The start of middle school is making him feel increasingly anxious, so his grandfather gives him some advice: Find one thing you’re really good at. And become the BEST at it. While he’s not quite sure what that thing is, he is convinced that once he finds it, bullies like Brent will stop torturing him at school. And he won’t worry about staring too long at his classmate Justin.

**Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park
In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.