

## CELEBRATE AAPI AUTHORS!



### **American born Chinese**

by Gene Luen Yang

◆ [Y GRAPHIC Yang](#)

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture.



### **Bestiary : a novel** by K-Ming Chang

◆ [FICTION Chang](#)

One evening, Ma tells Daughter a story about a tiger spirit who lived in a woman's body, named Hu Gu Po. She hungered to eat children, especially their toes. Soon afterwards, Daughter awakes with a tiger tail. And more mysterious events follow: Holes in the backyard spit up letters penned by her grandmother; a visiting aunt leaves red on everything she touches; another aunt arrives with eels in her belly. All the while, Daughter is falling for her neighbor, a girl named Ben with mysterious powers of her own. As the two young lovers translate the grandmother's letters, Daughter begins to understand that each woman in her family embodies an old Taiwanese myth--and that she will have to bring her family's secrets to light in order to change their destiny



### **Bury what we cannot take : a novel**

by Kirstin Chen

◆ [FICTION Chen](#)

1957, Maoist China. Twelve year old Ah Liam reports his grandmother for vandalizing a portrait of Chairman Mao. The Community Party investigates-- and the whole family is to be punished for disloyalty. The family plans to move to Hong Kong-- but the government will only issue a visa for one child. The other child will be a hostage, proof of the family's intention to return. Brother, sister, father, mother-- all must grapple with their agonizing decision and its consequences.



### **Displacement** by Kiku Hughes

◆ [Y GRAPHIC Hughes](#)

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

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.



### **Forgotten country**

by Catherine Chung

◆ [FICTION Chung](#)

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Learning on the night of her sister's birth that a daughter has been lost in every generation of her Korean family, Janie assumes a protective role over her sister while learning more cautionary stories from her optimistic father and mythology-minded mother.



### **A golden age : a novel**

by Tahmima Anam

◆ [FICTION Anam](#)

As she plans a party for her son and daughter, Rehana Haque's life will be transformed in a story of one family caught in the middle of the 1971 Bangladesh war of independence, as they face changes and decisions that will have a profound impact on their lives.



### **A hero born : a novel** by Jin Yong

◆ [FICTION Jin](#)

The epic Chinese classic and phenomenon published in the US for the first time! A fantastical generational saga and kung fu epic, A Hero Born is the classic novel of its time, stretching from the Song Empire (China 1200 AD) to the appearance of a warlord whose name will endure for eternity: Genghis Khan.



### **How much of these hills is gold**

by C Pam Zhang

◆ [FICTION Zhang](#)

Newly orphaned children of immigrants, Lucy and Sam are suddenly alone in a land that refutes their existence. Fleeing the threats of their western mining town, they set off to bury their father in the only way that will set them free from their past. Along the way, they encounter giant buffalo bones, tiger paw prints, and the specters of a ravaged landscape as well as family secrets, sibling rivalry, and glimpses of a different kind of future.



### **Insurrecto** by Gina Apostol

◆ [FICTION Apostol](#)

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

Two women, a Filipino translator and an American filmmaker, go on a road trip in Duterte's Philippines, collaborating and clashing in the writing of a film script about a massacre during the Philippine-American War. Chiara is working on a film about an incident in Balangiga, Samar, in 1901, when Filipino revolutionaries attacked an American garrison, and in retaliation American soldiers created "a howling wilderness" of the surrounding countryside. Magsalin reads Chiara's film script and writes her own version. Through these two rival scripts-- one about a white photographer, the other about a Filipino schoolteacher-- find their way to their own truths and histories.



### **Interior Chinatown** by Charles Yu

◆ [FICTION Yu](#)

Every day Willis Wu leaves his tiny room in a Chinatown SRO and enters the Golden Palace restaurant, where *Black and White*, a procedural cop show, is in perpetual production. He's a bit player here too, but he dreams of being Kung Fu Guy-- and he sees his life as a script. After stumbling into the spotlight, Willis finds himself launched into a wider world than he has ever known, discovering not only the secret history of Chinatown, but the buried legacy of his own family, and what that means for him in today's America



### **The Joy Luck Club** by Amy Tan

◆ [FICTION Tan](#)

In 1949, four Chinese women--drawn together by the shadow of their past--begin meeting in San Francisco to play mah jong, invest in stocks and "say" stories. They call their gathering the Joy Luck Club--and forge a relationship that binds them for more than three decades.



### **Last night at the Telegraph Club**

by Malinda Lo

◆ [Y FICTION Lo](#)

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

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Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the question took root, but the answer was in full bloom the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. 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



### **This light between us : a novel of World War II** by Andrew Fukuda

◆ [Y FICTION Fukuda](#)

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

In 1935, ten-year-old Alex Maki of Bainbridge Island, Washington, is horrified to discover that his new pen pal, Charlie Lévy of Paris, France, is a girl, but in spite of his initial reluctance, their letters continue over the years and they fight for their friendship even as Charlie endures the Nazi occupation and Alex leaves his family in an internment camp and joins the Army.

**The namesake** by Jhumpa Lahiri◆ [FICTION Lahiri](#)

Lahiri brings the immigrant experience and culture clash in this story of the Ganguli family from traditional life in Calcutta to their transition to Americans in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ashoke is a trained engineer adapting more quickly to American life than his wife, who pines for life back in India. Gogol is their son, struggling between tradition and assimilation along his first-generation path.

**The night tiger** by Yangsze Choo◆ [FICTION Choo](#)

A vivacious dance-hall girl in 1930s colonial Malaysia is drawn into unexpected danger by the discovery of a severed finger that is being sought by a young houseboy in order to protect his late master's soul.

**On earth we're briefly gorgeous**

by Ocean Vuong

◆ [FICTION Vuong](#)◆ [LARGE TYPE FICTION Vuong](#)◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

A letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born--a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam--and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation.

**Pachinko** by Min Jin Lee◆ [FICTION Lee](#)◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all.

**The reeducation of Cherry Truong**

by Aimee Phan

◆ [FICTION Phan](#)

When her brother is exiled to live with distant relatives in Vietnam, a young woman journeys to her family's homeland to bring him back and uncovers mysteries about secret loves, desperate choices, and the human consequences of war.

**The Samurai's garden**

by Gail Tsukiyama

◆ [FICTION Tsukiyama](#)◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

The daughter of a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, Tsukiyama uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for her unusual story about a 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis.

**Searching for Sylvie Lee**

by Jean Kwok

◆ [FICTION Kwok](#)◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Sylvie, the beautiful, brilliant, successful older daughter of the Lee family, vanishes. Terrified yet determined, Amy, the sheltered baby of the family, retraces her movements, but instead of simple answers, she discovers something much more valuable: the truth.

**Severance** by Ling Ma◆ [FICTION Ma](#)◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

When Shen Fever hits, rapidly spreading gruesome death across the globe. Candace inexplicably remains immune. On the final day of her work contract, she commandeers a yellow cab as far as Pennsylvania, where she becomes the ninth-and last-member of a motley crew who might be the only survivors. Their destination: "the Facility."



**Shanghai girls : a novel** by Lisa See

◆ FICTION See

Two sisters leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles in this fresh, fascinating adventure.



**Sorry to disrupt the peace** by Patty Yumi Cottrell

◆ FICTION Cottrell

Helen Moran is thirty-two years old, single, and partially employed as a guardian of troubled young people in New York. Her uncle calls to break the news: Helen's adoptive brother is dead. According to the internet, there are six possible reasons why her brother might have killed himself. But Helen knows better. She purchases a one-way ticket to Milwaukee. There, as she searches her childhood home she may also discover what it truly means to be alive.



**The sympathizer** by Viet Thanh Nguyen

◆ FICTION Nguyen

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

It is April 1975, and Saigon is in chaos. At his villa, a general of the South Vietnamese army is drinking whiskey and, with the help of his trusted captain, drawing up a list of those who will be given passage aboard the last flights out of the country. The general and his compatriots start a new life in Los Angeles, unaware that one among their number, the captain, is secretly observing and reporting on the group to a higher-up in the Viet Cong.



**This is paradise : stories** by Kristiana Kahakauwila

◆ FICTION Kahakauwila

A visceral, poignant, and elegantly gritty work of debut fiction set in Hawaii. This is the real Hawai'i: Danger lurks on beautiful beaches, violence bubbles under the smooth surf, and characters come face to face with the inevitability of change and the need to define who they are against the forces of tradition and expectation.



**Trust exercise : a novel** by Susan Choi

◆ FICTION Choi

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

In 1982 in a southern city, David and Sarah, two freshmen at a highly competitive performing arts high school, thrive alongside their school peers in a rarefied bubble, devoting themselves to their studies - to music, to movement, to Shakespeare and, particularly, to classes taught by the magnetic acting teacher Mr. Kingsley. As this class of students rises through the ranks of high school, the outside world of family life and economic status, of academic pressure and the future, does not affect them - until it does, in a sudden spiral of events that brings a startling close.



**The unpassing** by Chia-Chia Lin

◆ FICTION Lin

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

With flowing prose that evokes the terrifying beauty of the Alaskan wilderness, Lin explores the fallout after the loss of a child and the way in which a family is forced to grieve in a place that doesn't yet feel like home. Emotionally raw and subtly suspenseful, The Unpassing is a deeply felt family saga that dismisses the American dream for a harsher, but ultimately more profound, reality.



**We ride upon sticks** by Quan Barry

◆ FICTION Barry

◆ [Libby & Overdrive eBook](#)

◆ [Digital Audiobook](#)

Set in 1980's Danvers Massachusetts, a girls field hockey team, helmed by good-girl captain Abby Putnam (a descendant of the infamous Salem accuser Ann Putnam) and her co-captain Jen Fiorenza (whose bleached blond "Claw" sees and knows all), the Falcons prove to be wily, original, and bold, flaunting society's stale notions of femininity in order to find their glorious true selves through the crucible of team sport and, more importantly, friendship.