

Asian Book Categories and Examples

NON-FICTION

Chinese History Stories, edited by Renee Ting
The Emperor's Silent Army by Jane O'Connor
Hachiko by Pamela Turner, illustrated by Yan Nascimbene
Ten Mile Day by Mary Ann Fraser

FOLKLORE

Brush of the Gods by Lenore Look, illustrated by Meilo So
The Magical Monkey King by Ji-li Jiang
Maneki Neko: The Tale of the Beckoning Cat by Susan Lendroth, illustrated by Kathryn Otoshi
Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin

HISTORICAL FICTION/MEMIOR

Good Fortune in a Wrapping Cloth by Joan Schoettler, illustrated by Jessica Lanan
Paper Son by Helen Foster James and Virginia Shin-Mui Loh, illustrated by Wilson Ong
Red Kite, Blue Kite by Ji-li Jiang, illustrated by Greg Ruth
The Secret Keeper by Mitali Perkins

BIG ISSUES (slavery, war, holocaust)

Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins
Hiroshima by Laurence Yep
A Place Where Sunflowers Grow by Amy Lee-Tai, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino
Remembering Manzanar: Life in a Japanese Relocation Camp by Michael L. Cooper

FOCUS ON CULTURE

Cora Cooks Pancit by Dorina Lazo Gilmore, illustrated by Kristi Valiant
I Live in Tokyo by Mari Takabayashi
Land of Morning Calm by John Stickler, illustrated by Soma Han
Suki's Kimono by Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Stephane Jorisch

IMMIGRATION/EMIGRATION

The Grand Plan to Fix Everything by Uma Krishnaswami
I Hate English by Ellen Levine, illustrated by Steve Bjorkman
Lowji Discovers America by Candace Fleming
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

FIRST GENERATION HYPHENATED AMERICANS

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Wan-Long Shang
The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata
The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

MULTI-ETHNIC

Half and Half by Lensey Namioka
How My Parents Learned to Eat by Allen Say
Nothing But the Truth (and a few white lies) by Justina Chen Headley
The Wakame Gatherers by Holly Thompson, illustrated by Kazumi Wilds

ETHNICITY/CULTURE AS SETTING

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell
Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! By Grace Lin
Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Lisa Yee
Ruby Lu, Brave and True by Lenore Look (series)

ETHNICITY AS NON-ISSUE

Alvin Ho, Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look (series)
Big Sister, Little Sister, by LeUyen Pham
Bobby vs. Girls, Accidentally by Lisa Yee
Redwoods by Jason Chin

A Few Online References

Resources:

Great, thought-provoking article on the state of multicultural publishing by Elizabeth Bluemle: The Elephant in the Room (<http://blogs.publishersweekly.com/blogs/shelftalker/?p=700>)

CCBC's resources on multicultural books and publishing:
(<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/multicultural.asp>)

Children's Book Council's "CBC Diversity": (<http://www.cbcdiversity.com/>)

Paper Tigers

<http://www.papertigers.org/>

Blogs:

Mitali's Fire Escape by Mitali Perkins

<http://www.mitaliblog.com/>

Coloring Between the Lines by Anne Sibley O'Brien

<http://coloringbetween.blogspot.com/>

Multiculturalism Rocks!

<http://nathaliemvondo.wordpress.com/>

Reading in Color

<http://blackteensread2.blogspot.com/>

Diversity in YA

<http://diversityinya.tumblr.com/>

Rich in Color

<http://richincolor.com/>