

Dim Sum For Everyone! by Grace Lin

JE Lin

A child describes the various little dishes of dim sum that she and her family enjoy on a visit to a restaurant in Chinatown.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and other Scary Things by Lenore Look

J FIC Look

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

Reading Level: 2nd — 4th grade

Henry's First-Moon Birthday by Lenore Look

JE Loo

Jenny's baby brother, Henry, is having his one month birthday, or his first-moon as it's called in Chinese. Even though Jenny isn't sure if he deserves it — all he does is eat, sleep and cry — there's a big celebration planned. Jenny and her grandmother make all the preparations for his special party.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Spirits of the High Mesa by Floyd Martinez

J FIC Mar

Just after World War II, many technological changes come to Flavio's small rural town in New Mexico. Flavio, a young Mexican-American, is torn between the appeal of technological progress and his loyalty to the village traditions, which are upheld by his grandfather, El Grande. Will his grandfather be able to compete with all that is new and exciting?

Reading Level: 5th grade & up

Bubbe's Belated Bat Mitzvah by Isabel Pinson

JE Pin

With encouragement and Torah lessons from her great-granddaughter, Bubbe has a bat mitzvah.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Taking Sides by Gary Soto

J FIC Soto

It is a stressful time for Lincoln Mendoza when he moves from the barrio to the tree-lined streets of the suburbs. He has left behind his basketball team and is now playing at his new school. When the two schools are scheduled to play against each other, he worries whether he can play his best with his white friends at his new school against his old buddies from his old school. Lincoln learns about loyalty, change and friendship.

Reading Level: 4th — 8th grade

I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Treviño

J FIC Tre

Juan is an African slave who assists Spanish painter Velazquez and becomes an accomplished artist in spite of the prohibition against a slave learning to paint.

Reading Level: 3rd — 6th grade

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Multicultural Fiction for Children

Under the Royal Palms by Alma Flor Ada

JB Ada

A collection of stories and reminiscences drawn from Alma Flor Ada's childhood on the island of Cuba. This is a companion volume to her first book, *Where the Flame Trees Bloom*.

Reading Level: 3rd — 7th grade

Iguanas in the Snow and Other Winter Poems by Francisco Alarcón

JS 811.54 Ala

A bilingual collection of poems in which the Mexican American poet celebrates winter in northern California and the experience of growing up bilingual and bicultural.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Storm Warriors by Elisa Carbone

J FIC Car

In 1895, after his mother's death, 12-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina. Here he hopes to join the all African American crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.

Reading Level: 3rd — 6th grade

Grandfather Counts by Andrea Cheng

JE Che

Grandfather is coming from China to live with Helen's family. Helen is very excited, but also anxious. How will she and her siblings, who only know English, communicate with Grandfather, who speaks only Chinese? This is a story where love helps cross the boundaries of language and culture.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

JE Cho

Having just arrived from Korea with her family, Unhei is anxious about making friends and worried that no one will be able to pronounce her name. She decides to pick a new name. She tries to make this decision with the help of her classmates. What will be her new name and what will become of her old name?

Reading Level: Kindergarten — 3rd grade

The Hatseller and the Monkeys by Baba

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J 398.209 Dia

BaMusa, the hatseller, travels from West African town to town selling the hats that are piled up at the top of his head. One day, while he stops and rests, monkeys steal his hats from his head. How will he get them back?

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Nadia's Hands by Karen English

JE Eng

Nadia, a Pakistani-American, has been chosen to be the flower girl in Auntie Laila's traditional Pakistani wedding. Her hands are decorated with beautiful and intricate designs with henna. Nadia worries about what her classmates will say about her hands.

Reading Level: Kindergarten — 3rd grade

Cool Melons—Turn to Frogs by Matthew

Gollub

J 895.613 Gol

An introduction to haiku poetry through the work of Issa, an eighteenth century Japanese writer. Issa began writing poetry as a young child. This is a biographical account of Issa's life and includes 33 of his haiku poems.

Reading Level: Kindergarten — 4th grade

The Bossy Gallito by Lucía M. González

JS 398.2 Gon

A Cuban folktale, of a bossy little rooster on his way to his parrot uncle's wedding.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Come Sunday by Nikki Grimes

J 811.54 Gri

It's Sunday morning and LaTasha is on her way to church. In fourteen poems, she describes the typical Sunday of worship at the Paradise Baptist Church.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

Father's Rubber Shoes by Yumi Heo

JE Heo

Yungsu is homesick for his native Korea, so his father tells a story from his own childhood to explain why they have come to America. The next day, proud of his father and his heritage, Yungsu shares some Korean food with a classmate, opening the door for a friendship between them.

Reading Level: Preschool — 3rd grade

One Afternoon by Yumi Heo

JE Heo

Minho, a Korean-American boy, enjoys shopping with his mother as they peek into the pet store, go to the supermarket and walk past the construction site. Every place they visit has its own noise.

Reading Level: Preschool — 1st grade

Gazpacho for Nacho by Tracey Kyle

JE Kyl

Nacho eats only one thing, gazpacho, but a trip to the market with his mother might tempt him to try something new.

Reading Level: Kindergarten — 3rd grade

The Song of Mu Lan by Jeanne Lee

J 895.114 Mu

A Chinese folk poem of Mu Lan, a young woman who disguises herself as a boy and takes her father's place in the army. After ten years of service, she is brought to the Emperor and Golden Court and offered whatever she wishes as a reward. She asks only to go home. There she surprises her family and fellow soldiers.

Reading Level: 1st — 5th grade

Nim and the War Effort by Milly Lee

JE Lee

During World War II, everyone is trying to do his or her patriotic part to help the war effort. Nim's school has a paper drive and the person who brings in the most newspapers wins the contest. Nim wants to bring in the most newspapers. But where will she find enough?

Reading Level: 2nd — 5th grade

Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo by Alison

Lester

JE Les

Ernie says goodbye to his six friends when he leaves for his new home in Arnhem Land, Australia, where he will live for a year while his parents work in a hospital there. Ernie writes to each friend about a different season, explaining what that time of year brings and revealing the exciting things that he and his new friends are doing.

Reading Level: Kindergarten — 2nd grade