


**RISING  
VOICES  
LIBRARY**

 Amplifying  
**AANHPI  
Narratives**

 Grades K-5  
**TITLE LIST**

**Rising Voices: Amplifying AANHPI Narratives** is an expertly curated collection of fiction and informational texts for Grades K-5 that highlights the achievements and lived experiences of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Designed to support purposeful literacy instruction, the collection builds understanding, supports engagement, and provides meaningful opportunities for all learners to build knowledge through authentic stories.

**Kindergarten**

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Like a Dandelion	Huy Voun Lee	Huy Voun Lee
A Boy Named Isamu: A Story of Isamu Noguchi	James Yang	James Yang
Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon	Kat Zhang	Charlene Chua
Punky Aloha	Shar Tui'asoa	Shar Tui'asoa
The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh	Supriya Kelkar	Alea Marley
Mela and the Elephant	Dow Phumiruk	Ziyue Chen
Bilal Cooks Daal	Aisha Saeed	Anoosha Syed
I Am a Bird	Dana Walrath	Jaime Kim
Off-Limits	Helen Yoon	Helen Yoon
My Tree	Hope Lim	Il Sung Na
Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!	Hyewon Yum	Hyewon Yum
'Ohana Means Family	Ilima Loomis	Kenard Pak
A Friend for Henry	Jenn Bailey	Mika Song
Our Favorite Day	Joowon Oh	Joowon Oh
Festival of Colors	Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal	Vashti Harrison
My Little Sister and Me	Maple Lam	Maple Lam
Maribel's Year	Michelle Sterling	Sarah Gonzales

## Kindergarten (Continued)

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Let Me Finish!	Minh Lê	Isabel Roxas
Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas	Natasha Yim	Grace Zong
How We Say I Love You	Nicole Chen	Lenny Wen
I'll Go and Come Back	Rajani LaRocca	Sara Palacios
Ali the Great and the Paper Airplane Flop	Saadia Faruqi	Debby Rahmalia
Thao: A Picture Book	Thao Lam	Thao Lam
Hot Pot Night!	Vincent Chen	Vincent Chen
You Make the World	Muon Thi Van	Huynh Kim Lien and Phung Nguyen Quang
The Paper Kingdom	Helena Ku Rhee	Pascal Campion

## Grade 1

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho	Dung Ho
Bracelets for Bina's Brothers	Rajani LaRocca	Chaaya Prabhat
Tala Learns to Siva	Kealani Netane	Dung Ho
Gibberish	Young Vo	Young Vo
Uncle's Magic Thrownet	Todd Yamashita	Jamie Meckel Tablason
Take Me Out to the Yakyu	Aaron Meshon	Aaron Meshon
Mommy's Hometown	Hope Lim	Jaime Kim
Puddle	Hyewon Yum	Hyewon Yum
Henry, Like Always	Jenn Bailey	Mika Song
Dancing Hands: A Story of Friendship in Filipino Sign Language	Joanna Que and Charina Marquez	Fran Alvarez
The Sound of Silence	Katrina Goldsaito	Julia Kuo
Mang Andoy's Signs	Mailin Paterno	Isabel Roxas
To the Moon!	Marie Chow	Miki Tharp
Wei Skates On	Nathan Chen	Lorraine Nam
Summer Is for Cousins	Rajani LaRocca	Abhi Alwar
The Grandmothers of Pikitea Street: Ngā Kuia o te Tiriti o Pikitea	Renisa Viraj Maki	Nikki Slade-Robinson
Big Red Lollipop	Rukhsana Khan	Sophie Blackall
Yasmin the Superhero	Saadia Faruqi	Hatem Aly

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Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
I Dream of Popo	Livia Blackburne	Julia Kuo
Dancing the Tinkling	Bobbie Peyton	Diobelle Cerna
Boys Don't Fry	Kimberly Lee	Charlene Chua
Luna and the Case of the Missing Mooncakes	Natasha Yim	Violet Kim
Hair Twins	Raakhee Mirchandani	Holly Hatam
Hi'iaka and Pana'ewa: A Hawaiian Graphic Legend	Gabrielle Ahuli'i	Sarah Demonteverde

## Grade 2

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
When Lola Visits	Michelle Sterling	Aaron Asis
Drawn Together	Minh Lê	Dan Santat
Amira's Picture Day	Reem Faruqi	Fahmida Azim
Cannonball	Sacha Cotter	Josh Morgan
King Sejong Invents an Alphabet	Carol Kim	Cindy Kang
Friends Are Friends, Forever	Dane Liu	Lynn Scurfield
The Māui Stories: Three Hawaiian Legends: A Primer	Gabrielle Ahuli'i	Jing Jing Tsong
How to Spot a Sasquatch	J. Torres	Aurélie Grand
The Words We Share	Jack Wong	Jack Wong
Sakamoto's Swim Club: How a Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory	Julie Abery	Chris Sasaki
Teeny Houdini: The Disappearing Act	Katrina Moore	Zoey Si
Free as a Bird: The Story of Malala	Lina Maslo	Lina Maslo
Gigi and Ojiji	Melissa Iwai	Melissa Iwai
The Party Diaries: Awesome Orange Birthday	Mitali Banerjee Ruths	Aaliya Jaleel
Lark and the Diamond Caper	Natasha Deen	Marcus Cutler
Dancing in Thatha's Footsteps	Srividhya Venkat	Kavita Ramchandran
Astrid & Apollo and the Family Fun Fair Day	V.T. Bidania	Evelt Yanait
Crouching Tiger	Ying Chang Compestine	Yan Nascimbene
Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet	Zanib Mian	Nasaya Mafaridik
I Am Golden	Eva Chen	Sophie Diao
Made for More	Chloe Ito Ward	Gael Abary
Fall Is for Beginnings	Rajani LaRocca	Abhi Alwar

## Grade 2 (Continued)

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Wishes	Muon Thi Van	Victo Ngai
Another Word for Neighbor	Angela Pham Krans	Thai My Phuong
The Big Boil-Up	Angie Belcher	Zak Ātea

## Grade 3

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando	Andrea Wang	Kana Urbanowicz
Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun	Hena Khan	Wastana Haikal
Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist	Julie Leung	Chris Sasaki
Pele and Poli'ahu	Malia Collins	Kathleen Peterson
Sugar in Milk	Thrity Umrigar	Khoa Le
Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon	Simran Jeet Singh	Baljinder Kaur
A Map Into the World	Kao Kalia Yang	Seo Kim
Last Flight	Kristen Mai Giang	Dow Phumiruk
Fatima's Great Outdoors	Ambreen Tariq	Stevie Lewis
I am I. M. Pei	Brad Meltzer	Christopher Eliopoulos
Sea Sirens	Amy Chu	Janet K. Lee
Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of friendship: Stories from India	Chitra Soundar	Uma Krishnaswamy
Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey	Erin Entrada Kelly	Erin Entrada Kelly
On Point	Hena Khan	Sally Wern Comport
Where's Halmoni?	Julie Kim	Julie Kim
Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen	Debbi Michiko Florence	Elizabet Vuković
Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of Sharks	Katie and Kevin Tsang	Nathan Reed
The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906	Laurence Yep	
Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)	Lisa Yee	Dan Santat
Mindy Kim, Class President	Lyla Lee	Dung Ho
The Girl Who Heard the Music: How One Pianist and 85,000 Bottles and Cans Brought New Hope to an Island	Marni Fogelson with Mahani Teave	Marta Álvarez Miguéns
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom	Matthew Swanson	Robbi Behr
The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field	Scott Riley	Nguyen Quang and Kim Lien

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Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Tu Youyou's Discovery: Finding a Cure for Malaria	Songju Ma Daemicke	Lin
Snow Angel, Sand Angel	Lois-Ann Yamanaka	Ashley Lukashevsky

## Grade 4

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma	Joanna Ho	Teresa Martinez
Archer's Quest	Linda Sue Park	
The Girl Who Lost a Leopard	Nizrana Farook	
It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way	Kyo Maclear	Julie Morstad
Aloha Everything	Kaylin Melia George	Mae Waite
Sky Island	Amy Chu	Janet K. Lee
Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit	Jesse Q. Sutanto	
Duke Kahanamoku	Laurie Calkhoven	Stevie Lewis
Measuring Up	Lily LaMotte	Ann Xu
I Am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story	Martha Brockenbrough with Grace Lin	Julia Kuo
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Perfection	Matthew Swanson	Robbi Behr
Squished: A Graphic Novel	Megan Wagner Lloyd	Michelle Mee Nutter
Changing the Game: Asian Pacific American Female Athletes	Mia Wenjen	
Pie in the Sky	Remy Lai	Remy Lai
Aru Shah and the End of Time	Roshani Chokshi	
Saving Sunshine	Saadia Faruqi	Shazleen Khan
Vanished	Sheela Chari	
Queen of Physics	Teresa Robeson	Rebecca Huang
Inside Out & Back Again	Thanhà Lai	
Thea and the Mischief Makers	Tracy Badua	
Kohala Kuamo'o Nae'ole's Race to Save a King	Kekauleleanae'ole Kawai'ae'a	Aaron Kawai'ae'a
Save Me a Seat	Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan	
Power Forward	Hena Khan	Sally Wern Comport
The Thing About Luck	Cynthia Kadohata	Julia Kuo
Cilla Lee-Jenkins: The Epic Story	Susan Tan	Dana Wulfekotte

## Grade 5

Title	Author(s)	Illustrator(s)
Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix	Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee	Man One
Weedflower	Cynthia Kadohata	
My Night in the Planetarium	Innosanto Nagara	Innosanto Nagara
The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee	Julie Leung	Julie Kwon
Lei and the Fire Goddess	Malia Maunakea	
Wat Kept Playing: The Inspiring Story of Wataru Misaka and His Rise to the NBA	Emily Inouye Huey	Kaye Kang
Shapes, Lines, and Light: My Grandfather's American Journey	Katie Yamasaki	Katie Yamasaki
How to Win a Slime War	Mae Respicio	
Meet Me on Mercer Street	Booki Vivat	Booki Vivat
Pippa Park Raises Her Game	Erin Yun	
City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm	Jaimal Yogis	Vivian Truong
The Emperor's Riddle	Kat Zhang	Robyn Ng
Amazing: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Inspire Us All	Maia Shibutani, Alex Shibutani, and Dane Liu	Aaliya Jaleel
Bhai For Now	Maleeha Siddiqui	
Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year	Nina Hamza	
The Boy Who Met a Whale	Nizrana Farook	
Māui: Sun Catcher	Tim Tipene	Zak Waipara
Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear	Trang Nguyen	Jeet Zdūng
Girl Giant and the Monkey King	Van Hoang	Nguyen Quang and Kim Lien
Mabuhay!	Zachary Sterling	Zachary Sterling
Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight: Patsy Takemoto Mink and the Fight for Title IX	Jen Bryant	Toshiki Nakamura
The Last Mapmaker	Christina Soontornvat	
The Hoop Con	Amar Shah	
We Who Produce Pearls: An Anthem For Asian America	Joanna Ho	Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya
The Most Beautiful Thing	Kao Kalia Yang	Khoa Le