

# ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

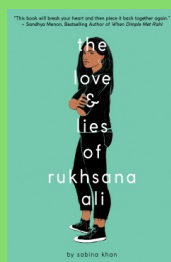
Celebrate by reading a YA book by a contemporary AAPI author.

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## The Space Between Here & Now

by Sarah Suk  
Aimee, who has a rare condition that causes her to travel back to a moment in her life when she smells something linked to that memory, journeys to Korea to discover the truth about her mom.



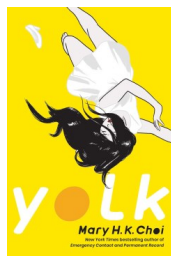
## The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali

by Sabina Khan  
Hoping to hide her identity from her conservative parents, Rukhsana is caught kissing her girlfriend and whisked away to Bangladesh, where she fights an arranged marriage by consulting her grandmother's diary.



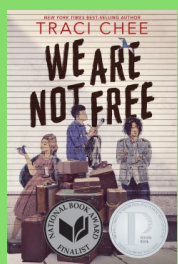
## American Panda

by Gloria Chao  
Struggling with her parents' cultural expectations, a Taiwanese-American college student hides the truth about her germ phobia and crush on a Japanese classmate before reconnecting with her brother, who is estranged.



## Yolk

by Mary H. K. Choi  
Estranged over disagreements, a straitlaced older sister and a flaky younger sister test the limits of what they are willing to do for each other, including swapping identities, when one is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.



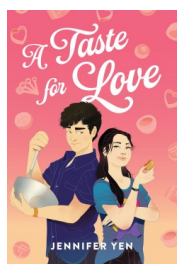
## We Are Not Free

by Traci Chee  
Growing up together in Japantown, San Francisco, four Japanese American teens find their bond tested by widespread discrimination and the mass incarcerations of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.



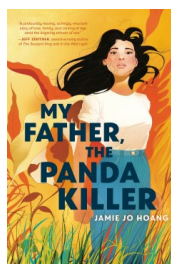
## While You Were Dreaming

by Alisha Rai  
When a video of her rescuing her crush James goes viral, Sonia is thrust into the spotlight and must protect her secret identity from TikTok and the world while dealing with her feelings for a boy.



## A Taste for Love

by Yen, Jennifer  
Both Liza and her mother share a love and talent for baking but disagree on the subject of dating, especially when Mrs. Yang turns her annual baking contest into a matchmaking scheme.



## My Father, the Panda Killer

by Hoang, Jamie Jo  
Jane rails against her family's Vietnamese culture and struggles with a perpetually angry father, whose traumatic journey to the US as an 11-year-old refugee is revealed in flashbacks.



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# AAPI Heritage Month YA Collection



## Cafe Con Lychee

by Emery Lee

Theo and Gabi have always been at odds. Their parents own rival businesses, and Gabi has cost their soccer team too many games to count. When a new fusion cafe threatens both shops, Theo and Gabi realize they can only achieve their goals by working together to win

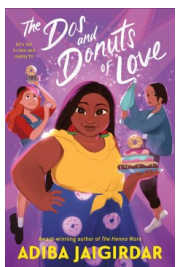
back their customers. But can they put aside their differences long enough to save their parents' shops or will the new feelings between them boil over?



## She Is a Haunting

by Trang Thanh Tran

Staying in Vietnam at the house her estranged father is restoring, Jade, plagued by a ghostly apparition, must expose the evil lurking in its walls before dark forces consume them all.



## The Dos and Donuts of Love

by Adiba Jaigirdar

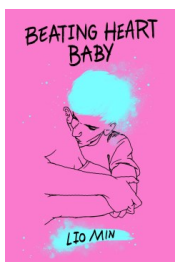
Competing on a televised baking competition in the hope of bringing much-needed attention to her parents' beloved donut shop, Shireen Malik finds things heating up when her fellow contestants include her ex-girlfriend and her new crush, as well as a saboteur.



## This Place is Still Beautiful

by XiXi Tian

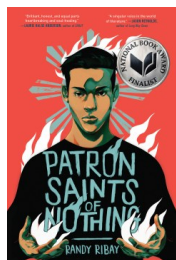
Victims of a hate crime, the estranged Flanagan sisters reunite in their small Midwestern town, where tensions are running high, and navigate an unexpected summer during which an explosive secret threatens to tear them apart forever.



## Beating Heart Baby

by Lio Min

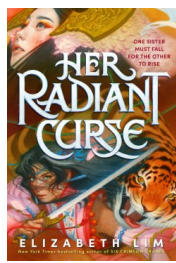
Settling into a new life in L.A., Santi finds his fragile relationship with his trans band leader Suwa threatened by an impossible truth that forces them both to reckon with their dreams, their pasts and their futures—together or apart.



## Patron Saints of Nothing

by Randy Ribay

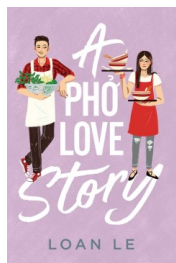
Setting aside his college ambitions when he learns that his cousin has been murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, a high school senior travels to the Philippines to uncover the truth, and the part he may have played in it. By the author of *After the Shot Drops*.



## Her Radiant Curse

by Elizabeth Lim

When her beautiful 17-year-old sister Vanna is to be auctioned off in a vulgar betrothal contest, Channi, who is cursed with a serpent's face, defends Vanna from the cruelest of suitors, unleashing an evil that could sever their bond forever.



## A Pho Love Story

by Loan Le

Avoiding each other most of their lives because of a mysterious rivalry, two Vietnamese-American teens from competing pho restaurants fall in love by chance while uncovering the reason behind their families' generations-old feud.



## Queen of the Tiles

by Hanna Alkaf

When her late best friend's formerly inactive Instagram starts posting again during the Scrabble competition, with cryptic messages suggesting that her death was no accident, Najwa Bakri, surrounded by suspects, must find out who's behind these mysterious posts.



## Foul Lady Fortune

by Chloe Gong

As a series of murders cause unrest in Shanghai, Rosalind, aka Fortune, must team up with a spy—who has his own agenda—and attempt to unravel a conspiracy that is more horrifying than they could have ever imagined.