

2022 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month



AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIGURES



Wong Kim Ark



Tape v Hurley



Duke
Kahanamoku



Rep. Dalip
Singh Saund



Dr. Chien-Shiung
Wu



Larry Itliong



Fred Korematsu



Sammy Lee



Yuri
Kochiyama



Haunani-Kay Trask



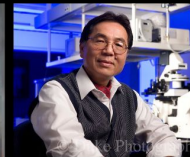
Rep. Patsy Mink



George Takei



Kalpana Chawla



Dr. Tuan Vo-Dinh

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People v Hall (1865)

This California Supreme Court case ruled that the testimony of a Chinese man who witnessed a murder by a white man was inadmissible, based on the opinion that the Chinese were a “race of people” who are “inferior” and “incapable of progress or intellectual development”.





Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)



17 years after the first Chinese laborers were hired to work on the Transcontinental Railroad in 1865, the Chinese Exclusion Act prohibited Chinese laborers from further immigrating to the U.S.

This Act denied citizenship to Chinese immigrants.





Tape v Hurley (1885)



In California, the Tape family challenged the San Francisco Board of Education because their Chinese American daughter was denied access to public education.

The California Supreme Court ruled that segregation on the basis of race is unconstitutional.

This occurred 69 years before the *Brown v Board of Education* ruling in 1965.





Yick Wo v Hopkins (1886)

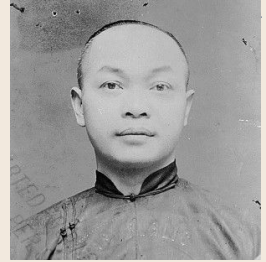


This U.S. Supreme Court case ruled unanimously in favor of Yick Wo, stating that San Francisco violated the Equal Protection Clause by discriminating against Chinese laundries.





United States v Wong Kim Ark (1897)



Wong Kim Ark was born in San Francisco to parents who were Chinese immigrants. When he visited China and returned to the U.S., he was denied entry because he was not considered a citizen.

This court case ruled that people born in the U.S. to non-citizens are indeed citizens of the U.S.
This established the parameters of “jus soli”.





Ozawa v U.S. (1922)



When the U.S. government attempted to limit citizenship only to whites, Asian Americans quickly moved to prove that they themselves were “white” in one way or another. Takao Ozawa was a Japanese American who had lived in the United States for twenty years. He attempted to argue that “whiteness” was a matter of skin color; because his skin was just as pale as white Americans, he should be treated as white and granted citizenship.

The Supreme Court unanimously denied him, saying explicitly that whiteness only extended to “the Caucasian race.”





U.S. v Thind (1923)



3 months after the *Ozawa v U.S.* ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court changed their reasoning so that they could deny an Indian man citizenship. Thind moved from the northern region of Punjab to the U.S. as a young man and joined the U.S. Army in WWI. He argued that he should be eligible for naturalization and citizenship because he was of the Caucasian race, as the *Ozawa* decision specified. However, the Court found that even though he was Caucasian, he was not white in accordance with how the word is popularly understood and interpreted.

The Supreme Court demonstrated that they were more concerned about safeguarding white citizenship than maintaining their own line of reasoning. The *Thind* decision had serious consequences for Indian Americans, many of who were stripped of their property and denaturalized. One tragic example was Vaishno das Bagai who took his own life after having his citizenship and store taken away.



+ *Expatriation Act (1907)* + *& Cable Act (1922)*

The Expatriation Act states that any U.S. woman who marries a non-citizen husband would lose their citizenship.

The Cable Act restored citizenship to white women who lost their citizenship under the Expatriation Act. However, this right did not extend to women who married “aliens ineligible for citizenship,” especially Asian immigrant men.





Immigrant Exclusion Act (1924)



Congress passed this act, ending all Asian immigration to the U.S., except for Filipinos who were under colonial rule of the U.S.



✦ *Tydings-McDuffie Act* (1934) ✦

A section of this act declares that all Philippine-born Filipinos in the U.S. are “aliens,” and restricts to 50 Filipino immigrants a year. This separated many families.



Executive Order 9066 *(Feb. 19, 1942)*

This order forced those of Japanese descent, many of whom were American citizens with at least 1/16 Japanese heritage, into Japanese Internment Camps during WWII solely based on their ethnicity.



✦ *Korematsu v U.S.*

(Dec. 18, 1944)

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that based on their ancestry, a group of citizens may be singled out and expelled from their homes and imprisoned for several years without trial.



+ *McCarran-Walter Act* (1952)



This Act granted all Asian Americans the right to become citizens and vote for the first time.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 expanded Asian American voting rights further by adding protections and accommodations, such as access to translators and ballots in multiple languages.





Immigration and Nationality Act (1965)



The U.S. Congress passed this act which abolished “national origins” as a basis for denying immigration and allows more immigration from Asia.





Lau v Nichols (1974)

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that schools should provide students instruction in their home language. This ruling gave bilingual-bicultural education in the U.S. a tremendous boost.



+ *Chinese Transcontinental Railroad Workers* +

About 15,000 Chinese immigrant workers made up the workforce of the transcontinental railroad, which was 700 miles of train tracks between California and Utah.

While Irish immigrant workers were allowed in photos, those of Chinese descent were not, accounting for the lack of photo documentation.



Anna Sui



Kamala Harris



Jeremy Lin



Ellison Onizuka



Yo Yo Ma



Patsy Mink



Ann Curry



George Takei



Lisa Ling



Bruce Lee



Tammy
Duckworth



Kalpana Chawla



Ken Jeong



Daniel Dae
Kim



Sandra Oh



Michio Kaku



Jerry Yang



Duke
Kahanamoku

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George Takei +

American actor and advocate of LGBTQ+ rights, positive roles for AAPIs in acting, and injustices of Japanese American internment



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Daniel Dae Kim

Actor and one of 23 members of the President's Advisory Commission on AANHPIs, tasked with combating anti-AANHPI racism and improving opportunity.

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Helen Zia

Chinese American journalist
& spokesperson for the
Justice for Vincent Chin
campaign



Larry Itliong



Philip Vera Cruz

Filipino Americans who led civil rights initiatives for farm laborers.
Joined forces with Cesar Chavez, who fought for Hispanic farm
laborers' rights!



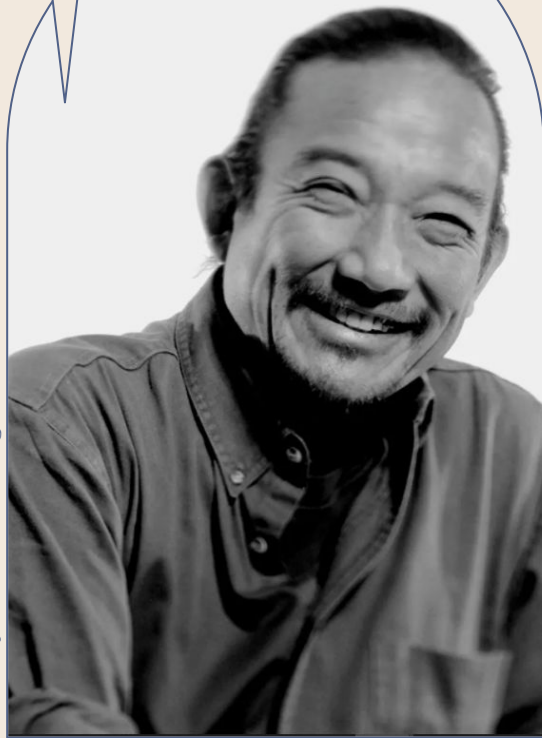
Haunani-Kay Trask



George Helm Jr.

Native Hawaiians who dedicated their lives to preserving the native culture of Hawaii & advocated for Hawaiian sovereignty

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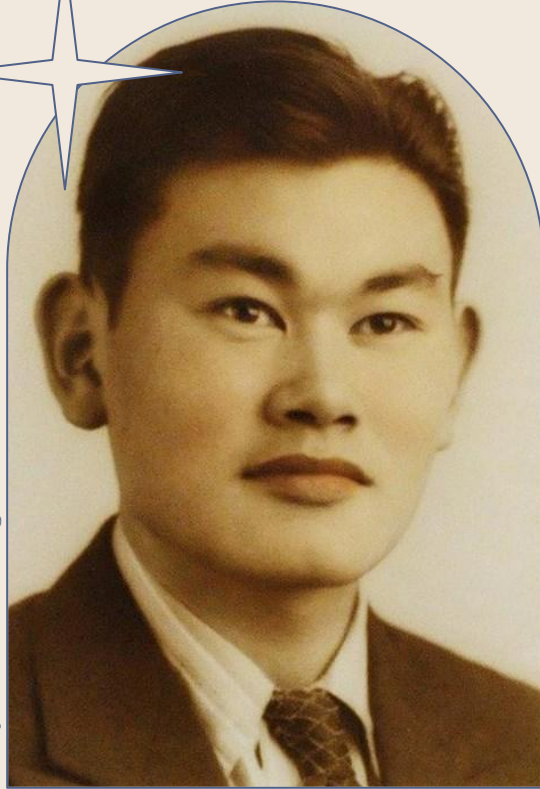


Kiyoshi Kuromiya

American activist for the
Civil Rights Movement &
LGBTQ Liberation
Movement.

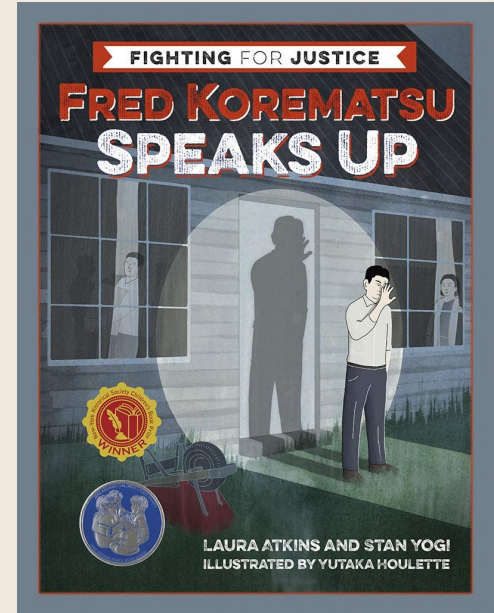


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Fred Korematsu

American activist
who resisted the
internment of
Japanese
Americans during
World War II

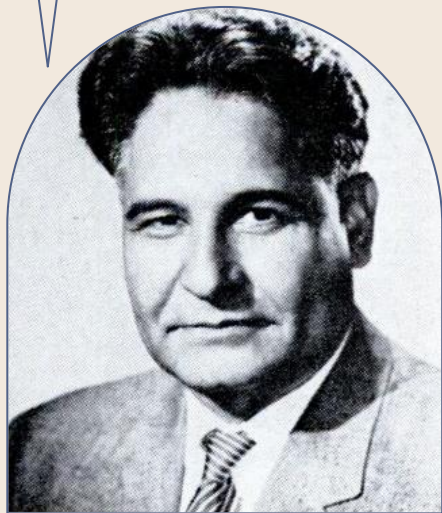


Yuri Kochiyama

Developed a friendship with and worked alongside Malcolm X during the Civil Rights Movement.

Incarcerated in the Japanese Internment Camps as a child.





Dalip Singh Saund

The first Asian American, the first Indian American, the first Sikh American, and the first member of a non-Abrahamic faith to be elected to the United States Congress.



Hiram Fong

The first Chinese-American and first Asian-American United States Senator.



Patsy Mink

The first Asian-American woman elected to Congress, and also the first woman elected to Congress from the state of Hawaii.

Vice President Kamala Harris

First U.S. Vice President
of Indian and Jamaican
descent





**Georgia State Representative
Sam Park**

First openly gay man to be elected
to the Georgia legislature



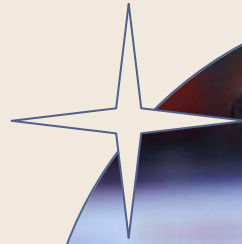
**Georgia State Representative
Bee Nguyen**

First Asian American woman
elected to the Georgia legislature



Nathan Chen

American figure skater
and the 2022 Olympic
champion.





Duke Kahanamoku

Native Hawaiian
champion that became
the first swimmer to
win the Olympic 100m
freestyle twice in a
row.





+ Sammy Lee

The first Asian American man to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States and the first man to win back-to-back gold medals in Olympic platform.





Gibran Latif Hamdan

Former American
born professional
NFL quarterback of
Pakistani and
Palestinian descent



Chloe Kim

American
snowboarder and
two-time Olympic
gold medalist of
Korean descent



Jeremy Lin

Taiwanese
American
professional
basketball player



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Sunisa Lee

American gymnast
and 2020 Olympic
all-around champion,
proud Hmong
American

Michelle Wie

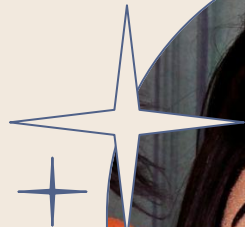
American professional
golfer who plays on the
LPGA Tour





Ji-Young

Sesame Street's first
Asian American muppet



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Bruno Mars

American singer of Filipino
and Puerto Rican descent





Sandra Oh

Korean American actress,
best known for her
starring role in
Grey's Anatomy.



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Simu Liu

Chinese Canadian
actor



✦ Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson ✦

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American actor and former professional wrestler of Samoan and Black Nova Scotian descent

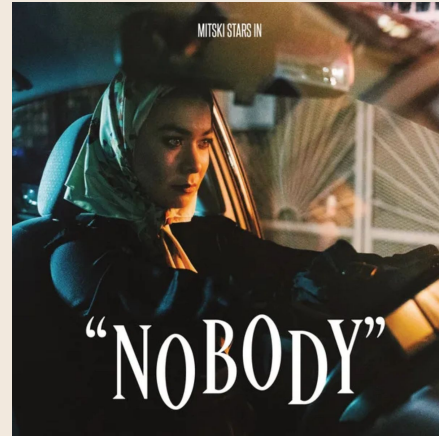


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Mitski

Japanese American
singer



+ Jameela Jamil

British
actress and
activist of
Pakistani
descent



Steven Yeun

Korean American actor, best known for his starring role in *The Walking Dead* and *Minari*

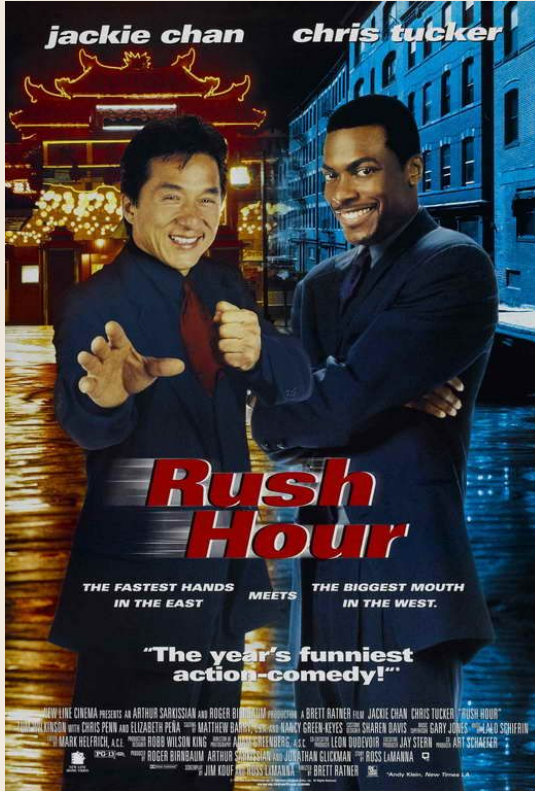
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Simone Ashley

British actress of
Indian descent



Jackie Chan

Chinese actor
known for his
martial arts,
stunts, and
action movies.



Hasan Minhaj

Indian American
comedian and host



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Justin H. Min



Korean
American actor
best known for
his starring role
in *The Umbrella
Academy*





Lana Condor

Vietnamese
American actress
best known for her
starring role in
*To All the Boys I've
Loved Before*



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Jason Momoa

Native Hawaiian
and Polynesian
American actor
and film maker



Constance Wu

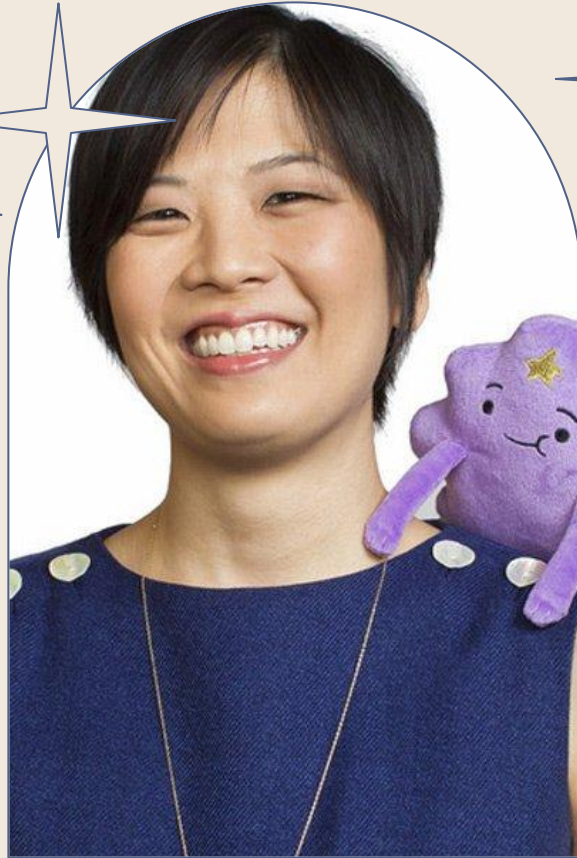
Taiwanese
American
actress



Aziz Ansari

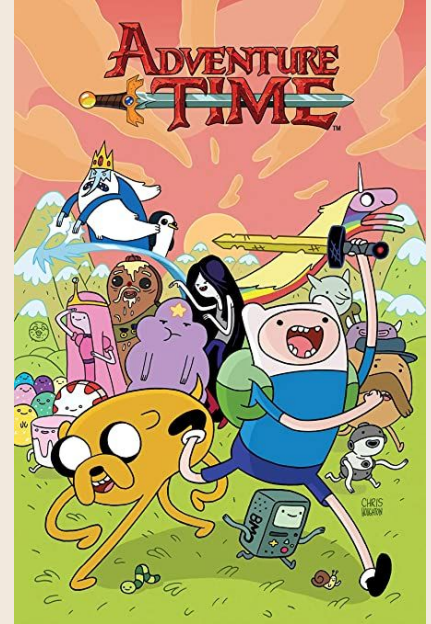
Indian American
actor and comedian





Elizabeth Ito

Director and
writer, best
known for
Adventure Time
and *Astro Boy*



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Sal Khan

Bengali American
educator and
founder of the



Steven Chen

Taiwanese American
internet entrepreneur
& cofounder of
YouTube





Chloe Dao

Laotian American
fashion designer &
winner of Project
Runway Season 2



Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu

Chinese American
nuclear physicist who
worked on the
Manhattan Project.
She has a US stamp in
her honor.

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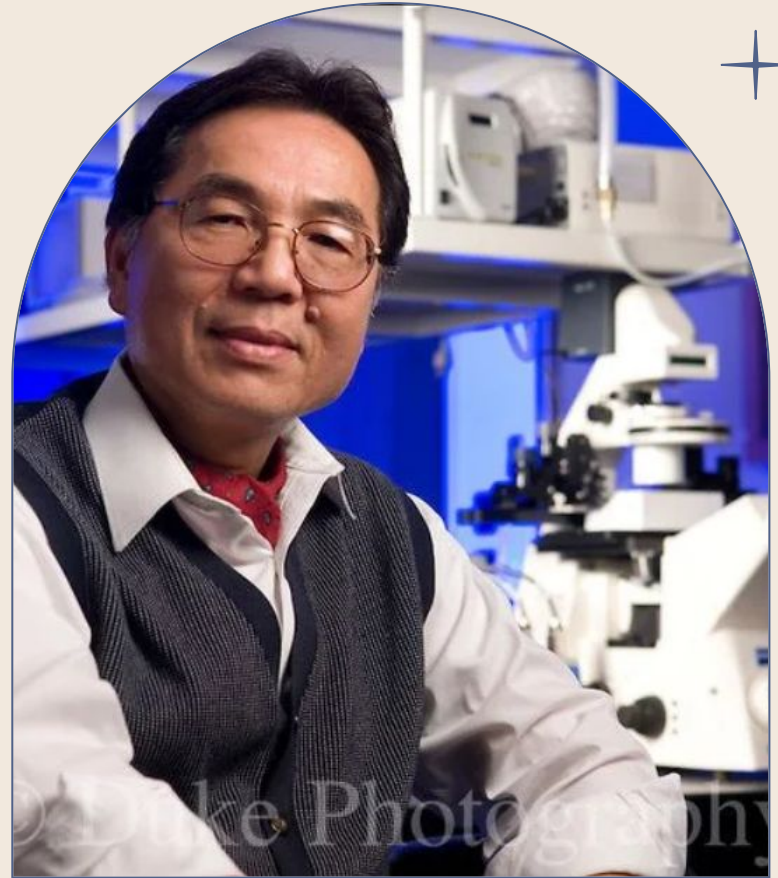


Kapana Chawla

Indian American
astronaut, engineer
and the first
Indian-born woman
in space.

Dr. Tuan Vo-Dinh

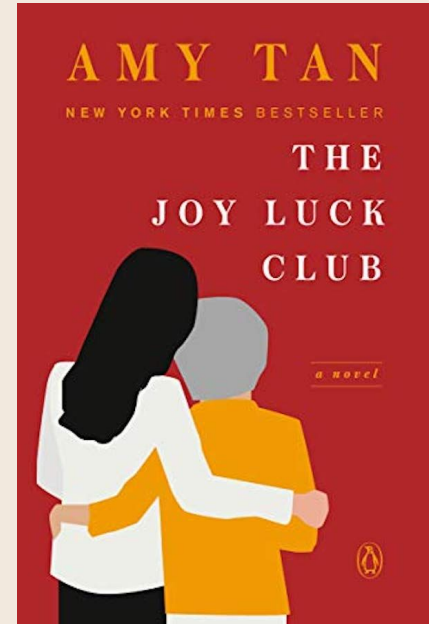
Vietnamese American
biomedical engineering
professor at Duke
University who developed
multiple new methods in
detecting & treating
cancer.



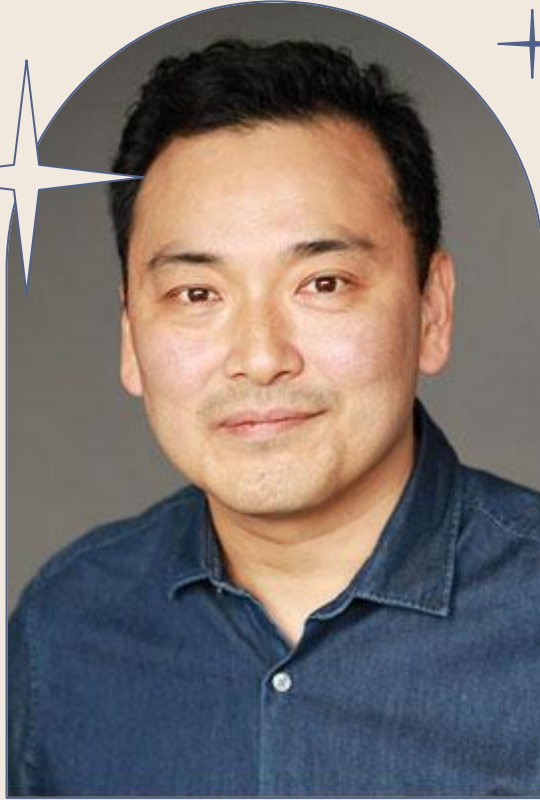
Amy Tan



Renowned
Chinese
American
author of
multiple novels,
Joy Luck Club
become a
popular film.

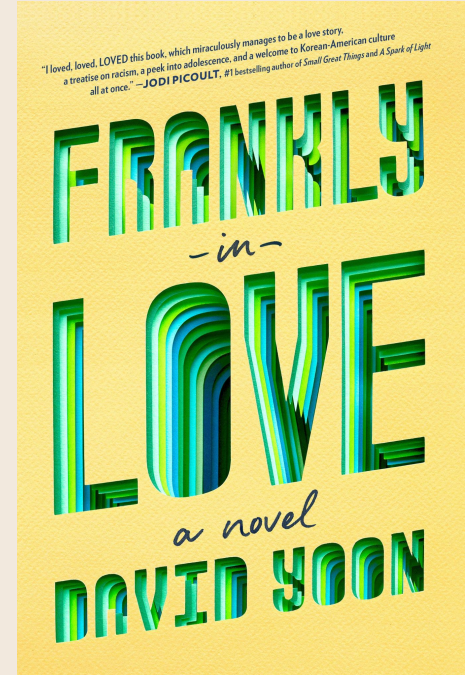


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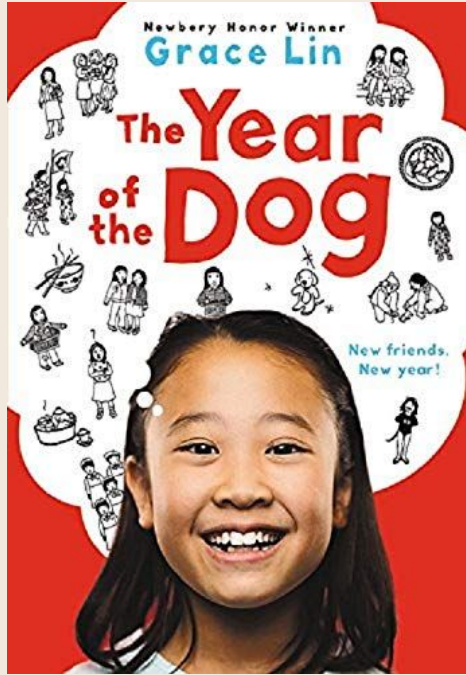


+ David Yoon

Korean American
writer, who is the
author of
*The Sun Is
Also a Star*



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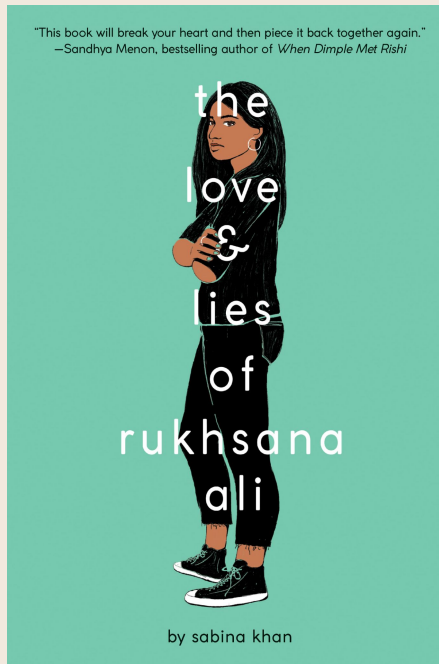
Grace Lin

Taiwanese
American
children's book
writer and
illustrator



Sabina Khan

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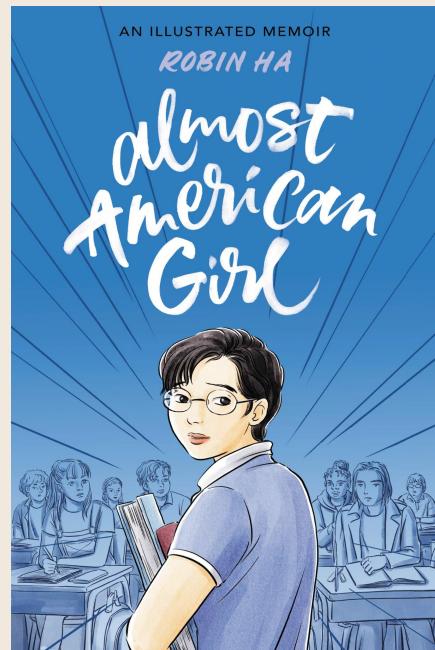
Bengali American
YA writer who
writes about the
experiences of
Muslim, South
Asian, and
American teens





Robin Ha

Korean American
graphic novelist,
writer, and
illustrator

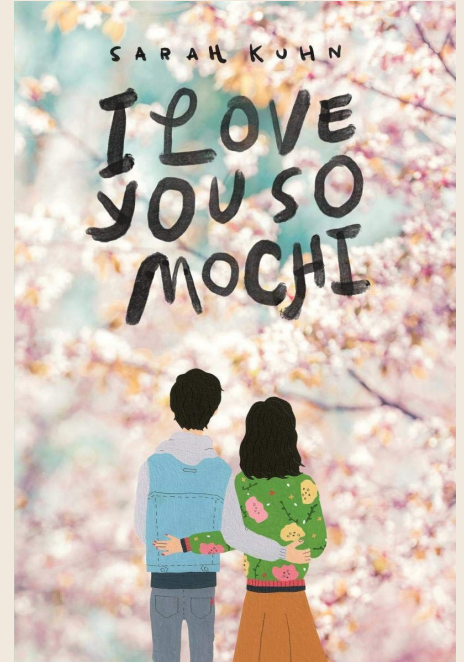


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Sarah Khun

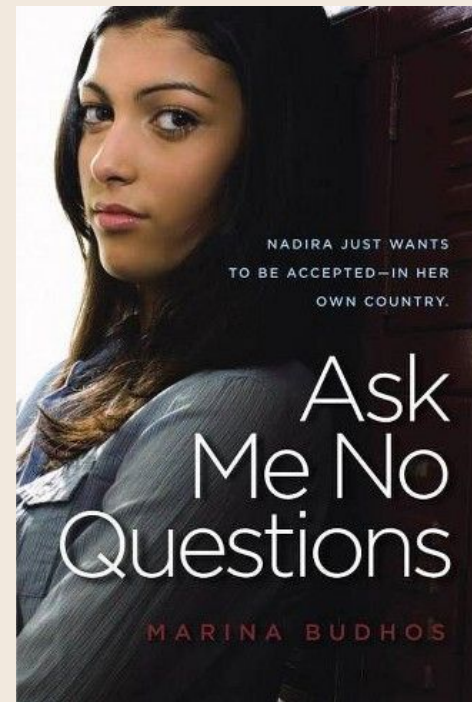
American YA
writer of
Japanese,
German, and
English descent



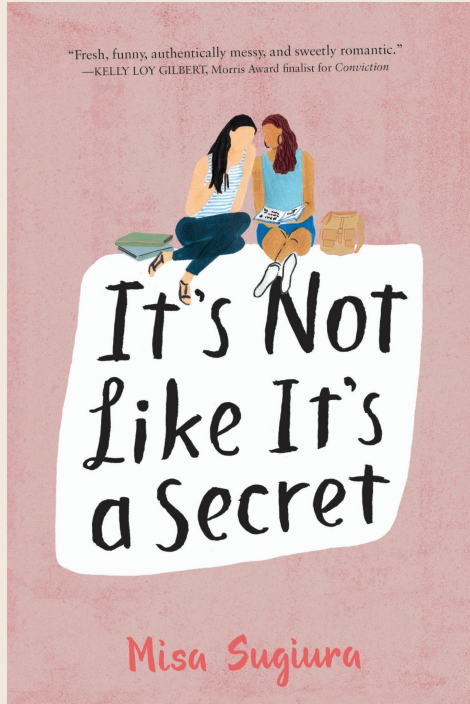


Marina Budhos

American writer
of Indo-Guyanese
and Jewish
descent



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Misa Sugiura

Japanese
American
YA writer



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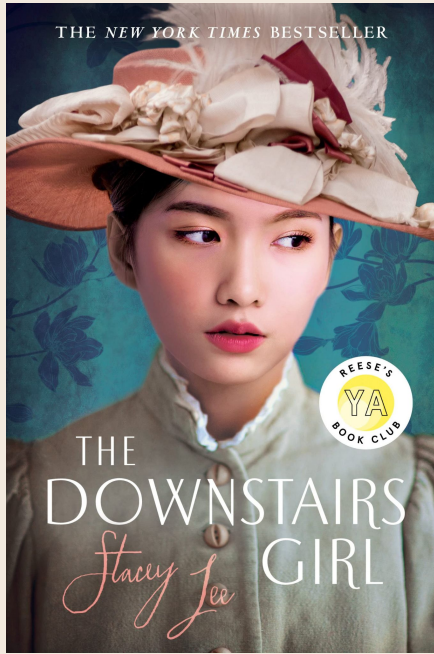
Kelly Yang



Korean American YA writer



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Stacey Lee

American
YA writer

