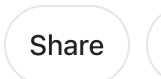
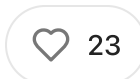


May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage (AAPI) Month!

The Jane Addams Peace Association is celebrating AAPI Heritage Month by highlighting recent author visit by Anita Yasuda, who shared her book "Up, Up, Ever Up!: Junko Tabei Life in the Mountains"



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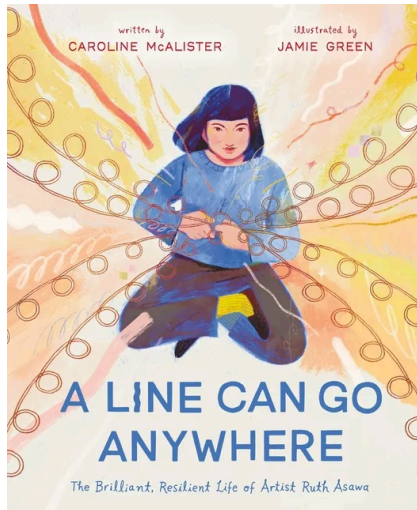


Students holding the book "Up, Up, Ever Up!: Junko Tabei: A Life in the Mountains" by Anita Yasuda and Yuko Shimizu

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI Heritage Month) is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions to the United States, of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

Books That Highlight AAPI Stories

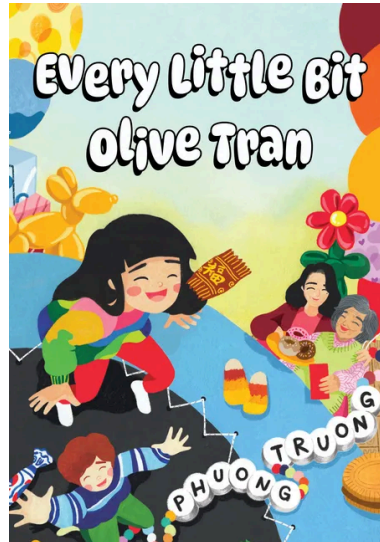
[A Line Can Go Anywhere: The Brilliant, Resilient Life of Artist Ruth Asawa](#)



by Caroline McAlister and Jamie Green (Picture Book Honor, 2026)

A Line Can Go Anywhere: The Brilliant, Resilient Life of Artist Ruth Asawa invites dialog and reflection on how creative non-violent responses to prejudice and hatred can push back at oppression. Through this biography, young readers can connect with Asawa's humble message “art belongs to everyone,” witness her resilience in the face of xenophobia, sexism, and elitism, and appreciate the human capacity to find beauty and dignity in bleak circumstances – a timely message indeed.

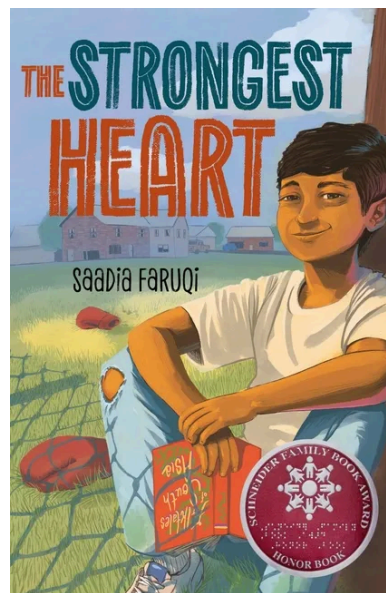
[Every Little Bit Olive Tran](#)



by Phuong Truong (Chapter Book Finalist, 2026)

Olive is incredibly excited to be turning ten. When her family and friends start receiving harassment because they are Asian, Olive feels much less safe in her environment. Olive is determined to host her birthday party despite the circumstances, extending kindness outward to her community and hoping others will do the same.

[The Strongest Heart](#)



by Saadia Faruqi (Chapter Book Finalist, 2026)

Mo is used to his father Abbu's unpredictable fits of rage, but that doesn't make enduring them any easier. To cope retreats into the safety of his own mind, imaginini his cherished folktales. When Mo's mother takes a job far away from his family, Mo has to find a way to be alone with Abbu and build a safer home for himself.

Community Highlight: Restoried Bookshop



4613 N Kedzie Ave Storefront, Chicago, IL 60625

Restoried Books is an independent, Asian American-owned book store in Chicago, They focus on collecting and selling books written by Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, along with other books by authors of color.

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