

BOOKS about asia

Chin-Lee, Cynthia. *A is for Asia.* New York: Scholastic, 1999.

This alphabetic trip through the world's largest continent is vastly informative and beautifully illustrated.

Climo, Shirley. *The Korean Cinderella.* New York: HarperCollins, 1996.

Shirley Climo tells the story of Pear Blossom, who is badly mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters. Beautiful illustrations by Ruth Heller.

Garland, Sherry. *The Lotus Seed.* New York: Sandpiper, 1997.

A young girl forced to leave Vietnam amidst war and grief brings a lotus seed to America, where it blooms as a symbol of her homeland and of hope.

Hale, Christy. *The East-West House: Noguchi's Childhood in Japan.* New York: Lee & Low, 2009.

A lyrical telling of the early life of renowned Japanese American artist Isamu Noguchi. As a biracial child caught between two worlds – Japan and America – he found solace in his art. Out of discord came harmony.

Krishnaswami, Uma. *Monsoon.* New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.

A young Indian girl and her family await the monsoon rains that are both welcomed and feared.

Lin, Grace. *Bringing in the New Year.* New York: Dragonfly, 2010.

Join a family's preparations for the Chinese Lunar New Year in this joyous title by award-winning author Grace Lin.

Louie, Ai-Ling. *Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China.* New York: Putnam, 1996.

This award-winning story retells the oldest known version of Cinderella.

Park, Linda Sue. *Bee-Bim Bop!* New York: Sandpiper, 2008.

What's for dinner? A young girl anxiously awaits dinner and joins in the preparations in this cheerful, rhythmic introduction to Korean culture and cuisine.

Snyder, Ellen. *The Boy of the Three Year Nap.* New York: Sandpiper, 1993.

In this Caldecott Honor book, lazy Taro comically outwits his wealthy neighbor in order to marry the wife of his dreams. Japanese woodcut-style art is appealing.

Winter, Jeanette. *Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan.* San Diego: Beach Lane Books, 2009.

When the Taliban came to power in 1996, everything changed for girls and women in Afghanistan. This inspiring story is a peek into another culture as well as a celebration of courage and the importance of education.

Yacowitz, Caryn. *The Jade Stone: A Chinese Folktale.* Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, 2005.

Does Chan Lo the stonecutter obey the Great Emperor and carve a dragon as he is commanded? Or does he dare listen to what the stone is saying to him?

Young, Ed. *Cat and Rat: The Legend of the Chinese Zodiac.* New York: Henry Holt, 1998.

This trickster tale explains how twelve animals found their place in the Chinese zodiac, and why cat and rat are enemies.

Young, Ed. *Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China.* New York: Putnam, 1996.

Three young sisters outwit a ferocious wolf in this 1990 Caldecott winner from Ed Young.