

Asian American and Pacific Islander Books

Pre-K to
Grade 12



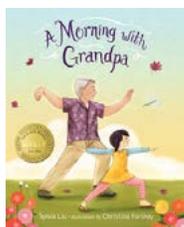
From *TEN BLOCKS
TO THE BIG WOK*
by Ying-Hwa Hu


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Here at **Lee & Low Books**, we pride ourselves on publishing culturally and linguistically authentic books that all children can enjoy. Lee & Low is proud to showcase stories that celebrate cultures, voices, and experiences of communities historically underrepresented or misrepresented in children's literature.

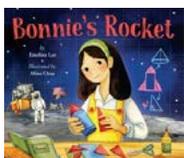
High-quality Asian American and Pacific Islander Books (AAPI) help build and affirm a child's identity and culture. Lee & Low Books is proud to be a 100% Asian American-owned company, and we commit to publishing books by AAPI creators that illuminate America's history of Asian American discrimination alongside books that celebrate AAPI contributions.

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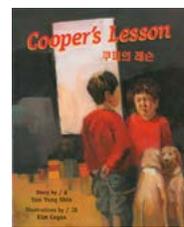
A Morning with Grandpa • written by Sylvia Liu, illustrated by Christina Forshay • In this sweet, slice-of-life story, a curious and active Asian American girl spends the day learning tai chi from her grandfather, and in turn tries to teach him how to do yoga.

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Bonnie's Rocket • written by Emeline Lee, illustrated by Alina Chau • "In a fresh perspective on events that changed the universe, *Bonnie's Rocket* reveals to readers that STEM is at its most powerful when it is personal."—Andrea Beaty, New York Times bestselling author of *Rosie Revere, Engineer*



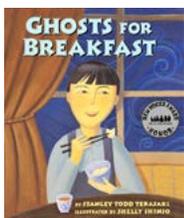
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Cooper's Lesson • written by Sun Yung Shin, illustrated by Kim Cogan • In this story of identity and intergenerational friendship, Cooper comes to appreciate his Korean heritage through an unlikely ally. *Bilingual English/Korean.*



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Cora Cooks Pancit • written by Dorina Lazo Gilmore, illustrated by Kristi Valiant • Cora and Mama work together to cook up pancit for the family in this celebration of Filipino heritage and foods.



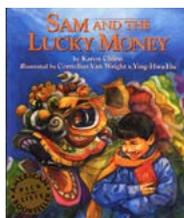
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Ghosts for Breakfast • written by Stanley Todd Terasaki, illustrated by Shelly Shinjo • When the Troublesome Triplets complain that they have seen ghosts in Farmer Tanaka's field, Papa sets off with his son to hunt the ghosts in this fun story set in 1920s California.



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Juna and Appa • written by Jane Park, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino • From the creators of the award-winning picture book *Juna's Jar*, comes a new magical tale where Juna embarks on a journey to help her biggest hero—her Appa!



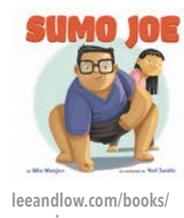
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Sam and the Lucky Money • written by Karen Chinn, illustrated by Corenlus Van-Wright & Ying-Hwa Hu • When a young Chinese American boy sets out to spend the lucky money he receives for Chinese New Year, he discovers that no gift is too small when it comes from the heart. *Also available in Chinese and Spanish.*



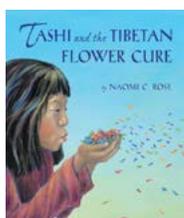
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Seven Golden Rings • written by Rajani LaRocca, illustrated by Archana Sreenivasan • In this clever picture book, an Indian boy untangles a mathematical conundrum to win a place at the Rajah's court.



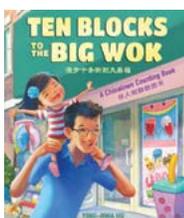
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Sumo Joe • written by Mia Wenjen, illustrated by Nat Iwata • In this sweet and funny story, Sumo Joe and his friends enjoy pretending to be sumo wrestlers. But when his little sister wants to join their boy-only game, what should Sumo Joe do?



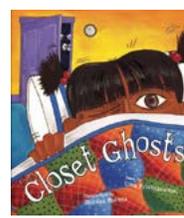
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Tashi and the Tibetan Flower Cure • written and illustrated by Naomi C. Rose • A Tibetan American girl helps her grandfather recover from an illness with a traditional cure that focuses on friendship and compassion as partners in physical recovery.



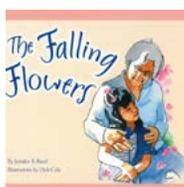
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Ten Blocks to the Big Wok • written and illustrated by Ying-Hwa Hu • This charming bilingual English/Mandarin counting book uses a stroll through Chinatown to introduce readers to the numbers one through ten in Chinese ... and will leave you hungry besides! *Bilingual English/Chinese.*



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The Closet Ghosts • written by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Shiraaz Bhabha • When a young girl named Anu has trouble adjusting to her new home and school, she calls upon Hanuman, the Hindu monkey god, for help vanquishing the ghosts in her closet.



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The Falling Flowers • written by Jennifer Reed, illustrated by Dick Cole • In this sweet story, a young girl in modern-day Japan takes a special trip to visit the blossoming cherry trees with her grandmother.



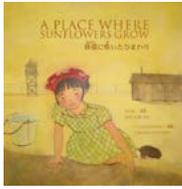
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The Happiest Tree • written by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Ruth Jeyaveeran • A young Indian American girl grows in self-confidence when she learns to practice yoga and apply the underlying principles to her performance in a school play. *Also available in Spanish.*



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The Perfect Gift • written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez • In this early chapter book from the popular Confetti Kids series, Mei's little brother is turning 100 days old, and Mei is determined to find the perfect gift for his special day.



A Place Where Sunflowers Grow • written by Amy Lee-Tai, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino
• During World War II, a young Japanese American girl finds things to be joyful about in the Topaz concentration camp. *Bilingual English/Japanese.*

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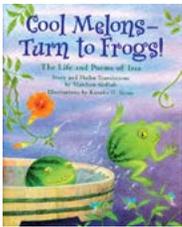
Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic • written by Ginnie Lo, illustrated by Beth Lo • When Jinyi and her family discover a soybean field, they begin a tradition that becomes a staple of the Chinese American community in the Midwest.

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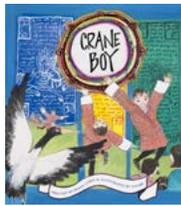
Butterfly for a King: Saving Hawai'i's Kamehameha Butterflies • written by Cindy Trumbore and Susan L. Roth, illustrated by Susan L. Roth
• The fascinating true story of a beautiful native Hawaiian butterfly, a great Hawaiian warrior king, and current-day efforts by scientists and citizens to restore the butterfly's declining population.

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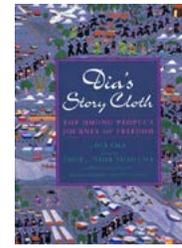
Cool Melons Turn to Frogs! The Life and Poems of Issa • written by Matthew Gollub, illustrated by Kazuko G. Stone
• For hundreds of years, school children in Japan have been introduced to poetry through the work of Issa.

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Crane Boy • written by Diana Cohn, illustrated by Youme
• In this empowering picture book about arts, activism, and the environment, Kinga and his classmates create a dance to honor the cranes of Bhutan and raise awareness of their plight.

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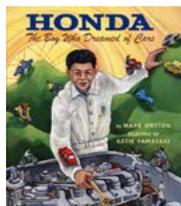
Dia's Story Cloth: The Hmong People's Journey of Freedom • written by Dia Cha, stitched by Chue and Nhia Thao Cha • A Hmong American tells of her people's search for freedom.

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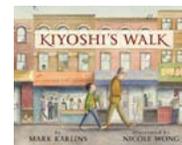
Going Home, Coming Home • written by Truong Tran, illustrated by Ann Phong
This summer, Ami Chi is taking a trip to far off Vietnam, where the streets are crowded with zipping scooters and fruit is shaped like dragons and stars. Before long, Ami Chi finds that sometimes, you can travel farther than you ever thought possible and still find yourself at home. *Bilingual English/Vietnamese.*

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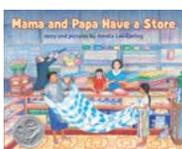
Honda: The Boy Who Dreamed of Cars • written by Mark Weston, illustrated by Katie Yamasaki • The life story of Soichiro Honda, pioneering Japanese businessman and innovative motorcycle and car manufacturer.

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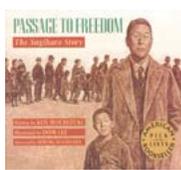
Kiyoshi's Walk • written by Mark Karlins, illustrated by Nicole Wong • Where do poems come from? This beautiful picture book about a young aspiring poet and his grandfather shows that the answer lies all around us—if we take the time to look.

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Mama and Papa Have a Store • written and illustrated by Amelia Lau Carling • A young girl describes what a typical day is like in her parents' Chinese store in Guatemala City, Guatemala. *Also available in Spanish.*

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Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story • written by Ken Mochizuki, illustrated by Dom Lee • As a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania in the 1940s, Chiune Sugihara had a chance to help thousands of Jews escape the Holocaust, but to do so would go against his government's orders. When his five-year-old son asked, "If we don't help them, won't they die?" Sugihara decided to assist the refugees. *Also available in Spanish.*

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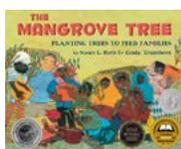
Shining Star: The Story of Anna May Wong • written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Lin Wang • The true story of Chinese American film star Anna May Wong, whose trail-blazing career in Hollywood in the 1930s and 1940s broke new ground for future generations of Asian American actors.

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Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku • written by Ellie Crowe, illustrated by Richard Waldrep • The true story of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, six-time Olympic swimming champion and legendary surfer who popularized surfing around the world.

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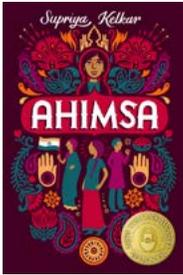
The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families • written by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore, illustrated by Susan L. Roth • The fascinating story of Dr. Gordon Sato, who helped a small African village become self-sustaining by planting a forest of mangrove trees to reshape the community's ecosystem. *Also available in Spanish.*

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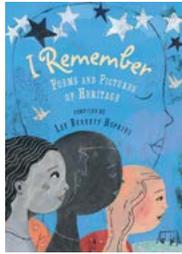
The Turtle Ship • written by Helena Ku Rhee, illustrated by Colleen Kong-Savage • A young Korean boy named Sun-shin designs one of the greatest battleships in history and fulfills his dream of sailing the world.

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Ahimsa • written by Supriya Kelkar • In this historical novel, Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when Anjali's mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work.



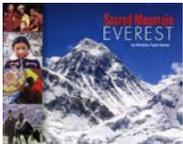
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I Remember: Poems and Pictures of Heritage • compiled by Lee Bennett Hopkins • In a celebration of diversity and family, fourteen poets and sixteen illustrators of diverse backgrounds share memorable childhood experiences and reflect upon their different heritages, traditions, and beliefs.



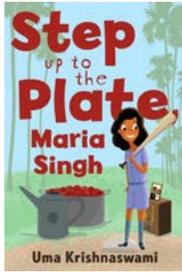
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Jingu: The Hidden Princess • written by Ralph E. Pray, illustrated by Xiaojun Li • In fourth-century Japan, a princess lives a life of loneliness and learning until she makes a secret friend, but her destiny forbids that they ever be more than friends.



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Sacred Mountain: Everest • written and photographed by Christine Taylor-Butler • A photo-essay exploring the cultural, geological, and ecological history of Mount Everest, focusing on the indigenous Sherpa and their spiritual connection to the mountain, record-setting climbing expeditions, and the effects of tourism on the environment.



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Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh • written by Uma Krishnaswami • While her parents and neighbors are struggling through World War II, working for India's independence, and trying to stay on their farmland, nine-year-old Maria Singh learns to play softball just like her heroes in the All-American Girls' League.



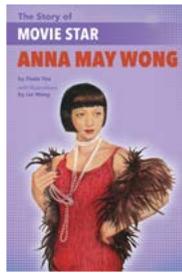
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Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame • written by Supriya Kelkar • In 1857 India, 13-year-old Meera escapes a life she has no say in—and certain death on her husband's funeral pyre—only to end up a servant to a British general in the East India Company. When a rebellion against British colonizers spreads, she must choose between relative safety in a British household or standing up for herself and her people.



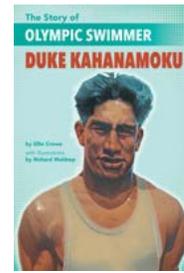
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The Story of Car Engineer Soichiro Honda • written by Mark Weston, illustrated by Katie Yamasaki • Meet Soichiro Honda, the innovative motorcycle and car manufacturer and Japanese business pioneer.



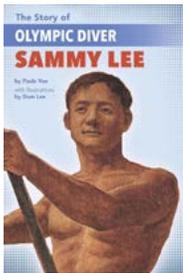
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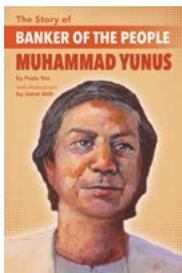
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The Story of Olympic Diver Sammy Lee • written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Dom Lee • Meet Sammy Lee, a Korean American diver who became the first Asian American to win an Olympic gold medal.



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The Story of Banker of the People Muhammad Yunus • written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Jamel Akib • Meet Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, who revolutionized global antipoverty efforts by developing the innovative economic concept of micro-lending.



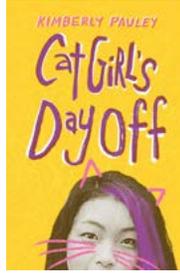
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Tofu Quilt • <author here> • A collection of poems telling the story of Yeung Ying, a young girl in Hong Kong in the 1960s who, against the conventions of society and family members, aspires to become a writer.



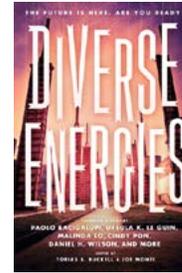
Bloody Seoul • written by Sonia Patel • Rocky's future as crime boss for the Three Star Pa gang in Seoul seems fated—until he discovers that his violent father has lied about everything.

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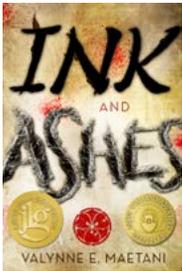
Cat Girl's Day Off • written by Kimberly Pauley • In this hilarious YA homage to Ferris Bueller's Chicago, Natalie must use her Talent of talking to cats to solve a high-profile celebrity kidnapping.

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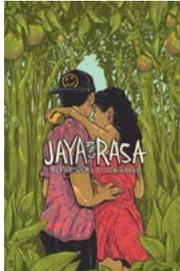
Diverse Energies • edited by Tobias Buckell and Joe Monti • A collection of dystopian short stories featuring diverse main characters and by authors of color.

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Ink and Ashes • written by Valynne E. Maetani • When Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuza — a Japanese crime syndicate — the secret threatens her friends and family, her newfound love, and even Claire's own life.

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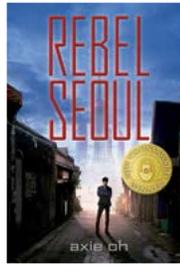
Mèo and Bé • written by Doan Phuong Nguyen • Just before the United States enters the Vietnam War, eleven-year-old Bé and her three-footed kitten Mèo must rise above the injustices of war to find the comfort, safety, and love of a found family.

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Rani Patel in Full Effect • written by Sonia Patel • Rani's fully present as MC Sutra, "Call my solution a female revolution / retribution in the form of rhyme electrocution.

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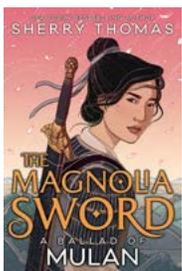
Rebel Seoul • written by Axie Oh • When Jaewon is assigned to partner with supersoldier Tera in Neo Seoul's top weapons development division, he must decide where he stands: with the people his rebel father protected or with the totalitarian government that claims it will end all war.

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Rogue Heart • written by Axie Oh • Warcross meets Final Fantasy in this companion novel to *Rebel Seoul*, in which a young telepath joins a rebel group on a secret mission to end a decades-long world war.

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The Magnolia Sword • written by Sherry Thomas • Bestselling author Sherry Thomas weaves an enthralling #ownvoices retelling of a story that has thrilled readers for centuries: the Ballad of Mulan.

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The Sky We Shared • written by Shirley Reva Vernick • This young YA novel weaves little-known historical events into a thoughtful tale of two teens—one American, the other Japanese—whose wartime lives on opposite sides of the world lead them to discover that hate for an "enemy" leaves a heavy heart.

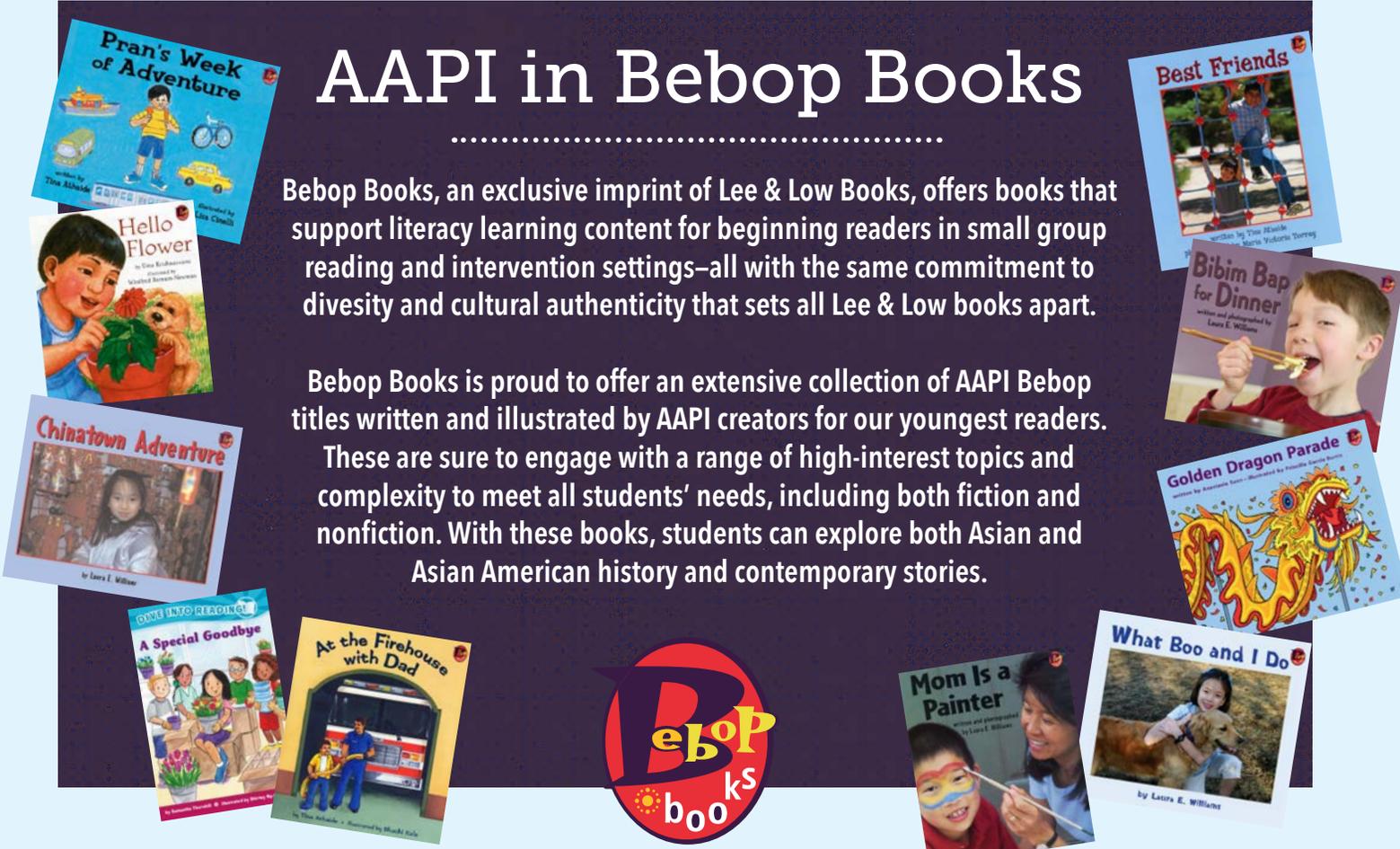
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