

YA Fiction by Asian American Authors

Novels for teens by Asian American authors, in a wide variety of genres and styles.

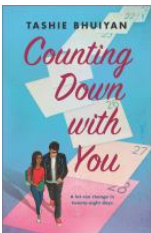


Internment by Samira Ahmed | [YAAHM](#)

A terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence.

A Match Made in Mehendi by Nandini Bajpai | [YABAJ](#)

Simran "Simi" Sangha comes from a line of Indian matchmakers, so when she accidentally sets up her cousin with an aspiring lawyer her family thinks she has the gift, but when she tries her skills at school she upsets the high school hierarchy.



Counting Down with You by Tashie Bhuiyan | [YABHU](#)

A reserved Bangladeshi teenager has twenty-eight days to make the biggest decision of her life after agreeing to fake date her school's resident bad boy.

Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake | [YABLA](#)

On the island of Fennbirn, triplet sisters who each wield a coveted magic skill and claim an equal right to the throne must fight to the death when they turn sixteen for the title of Queen Crowned.

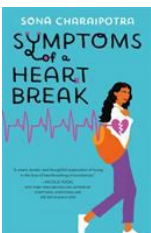


Starfish by Akemi Dawn Bowman | [YABOW](#)

Kiko Himura yearns to escape the toxic relationship with her mother by getting into her dream art school, but when things do not work out as she hoped Kiko jumps at the opportunity to tour art schools with her childhood friend, learning life-changing truths about herself and her past along the way.

Our Wayward Fate by Gloria Chao | [YACHA](#)

Seventeen-year-old Ali is simultaneously swept up in a whirlwind romance and down a rabbit hole of family secrets when another Taiwanese family moves into tiny, predominantly-white, Plainhart, Indiana.



Symptoms of a Heartbreak by Sona Charaipotra | [YACHA](#)

The youngest doctor in America, an Indian-American teen makes her rounds -- and falls head over heels -- in this contemporary romantic comedy.

Yolk by Mary H. K. Choi | [YACHO](#)

Struggling with emotional problems and an eating disorder, Jayne, a Korean American teenager living in New York City, is estranged from her accomplished older sister June, until June gets cancer.

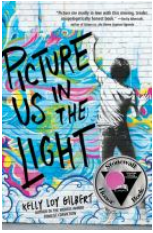
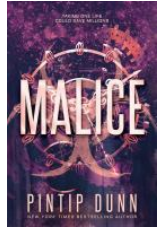


Sunny G's Series of Rash Decisions by Navdeep Singh Dhillon | [YADHI](#)

Left with just a notebook of his brother after he died, Sunny has decided to fill it with rash decisions -- starting with upturning all of his prom plans in favor of a more traditional American teen experience. He shows up without beard, turban, or long hair; skips the fandom afterparty where he should be playing bass with his band; and gets his notebook stolen by Mindii Vang, a girl who is in the middle of some rash decisions of her own.

Malice by Pintip Dunn | [YA DUN](#)

A voice in her head starts telling Alice that a boy in her class will one day wipe out two-thirds of the population with a virus. She doesn't know who he is. In a race against the clock, Alice not only has to figure out his identity, but outwit the voice from the future telling her to kill him.



Picture Us in the Light by Kelly Loy Gilbert | [YA GIL](#)

Daniel, a Chinese-American teen, must grapple with his plans for the future, his feelings for his best friend Harry, and his discovery of a family secret that could shatter everything.

I Believe in a Thing Called Love by Maurene Goo | [YA GOO](#)

A disaster in romance, high school senior Desi Lee decides to tackle her flirting failures by watching Korean television dramas, where the hapless heroine always seems to end up in the arms of her true love by episode ten.

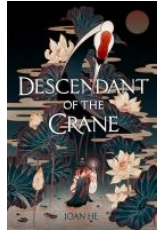


The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han | [YA HAN](#)

Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.

Descendant of the Crane by Joan He | [YA HE](#)

When Princess Hesina's beloved father is murdered, she's thrust into power, suddenly the queen of an unstable kingdom. Determined to find her father's killer, Hesina does something desperate: she enlists the aid of a soothsayer--a treasonous act, punishable by death... because in Yan, magic was outlawed centuries ago.

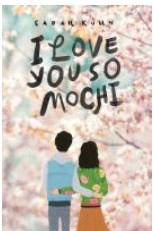


Tokyo Ever After by Emiko Jean | [YA JEA](#)

After learning that her father is the Crown Prince of Japan, Izumi travels to Tokyo, where she discovers that Japanese imperial life--complete with designer clothes, court intrigue, paparazzi scandals, and a forbidden romance with her handsome but stoic bodyguard--is a tough fit for the outspoken and irreverent eighteen-year-old from northern California.

Shine by Jessica Jung | [YA JUN](#)

Seventeen-year-old Rachel Kim confronts the dark underbelly of the K-pop world as she strives to become a K-pop star.

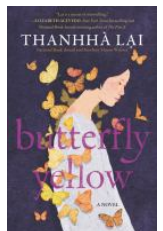


I Love You So Mochi by Sarah Kuhn | [YA KUH](#)

Kimi Nakamura loves nothing more than transforming the outfits of her friends into expressions of their "Ultimate Selves" but her mother thinks it is a waste of time. After a huge fight, Kimi makes the decision to accept her grandparents' invitation to Kyoto where she is surrounded by her heritage, which is simultaneously foreign and familiar, and the environment helps her understand her mother better than ever before.

Butterfly Yellow by Thanhha Lai | [YA LAI](#)

A Vietnam War refugee in Texas partners with a city boy with rodeo dreams to track down the younger brother she was separated from six years before when he was evacuated by American troops during the waning days of the Vietnam War.

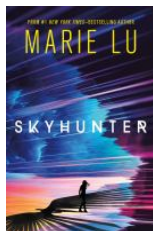


Outrun the Moon by Stacey Lee | [YA LEE](#)

On the eve of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, Mercy Wong--daughter of Chinese immigrants--is struggling to hold her own among the spoiled heiresses at prestigious St. Clare's School. When tragedy strikes, everyone must band together to survive.

***Spin the Dawn* by Elizabeth Lim | [YA LIM](#)**

Disguising herself as a boy to compete for the position of imperial tailor, Maia must somehow complete the impossible task of sewing three magic gowns for the emperor's bride-to-be from the sun's laughter, the moon's tears, and the blood of stars.



***Skyhunter* by Marie Lu | [YA LU](#)**

Talin is a Striker, a member of an elite fighting force that stands as the last defense for Mara, the only free nation in the world, but when a mysterious prisoner is brought from the front to Mara's capital, Talin senses there is more to him than meets the eye.

***Heiress Apparently* by Diana Ma | [YA MA](#)**

When budding actress Gemma Huang flies to Beijing to star in a film of M. Butterfly, she is mistaken for a notorious socialite, kicking off a series of revelations her parents had carefully concealed from her.

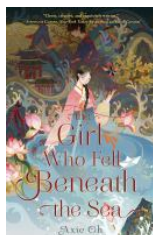
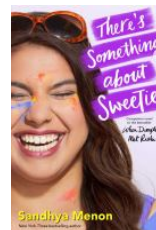


***More Than Just a Pretty Face* by Syed M. Masood | [YA MAS](#)**

When self-proclaimed 'not very bright' nineteen-year-old Danyal Jilani is chosen for a prestigious academic contest, he hopes to impress a potential arranged marriage match, only to begin falling for the girl helping him study instead.

***There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon | [YA MEN](#)**

Told in two voices, disappointed-in-love Ashish Patel and self-proclaimed fat athlete Sweetie Nair begin to find their true selves while dating under contract.



***The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea* by Axie Oh | [YA OH](#)**

In this retelling of the Korean legend The tale of Shim Cheong, sixteen-year-old Mina is swept away to the Spirit Realm, where, assisted by a motley crew of demons, gods, and lesser spirits, she sets out to awaken the sleeping Sea God and save her homeland and family from deadly storms.

***The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily X. R. Pan | [YA PAN](#)**

After her mother's suicide, grief-stricken Leigh Sanders travels to Taiwan to stay with grandparents she never met, determined to find her mother who she believes turned into a bird.

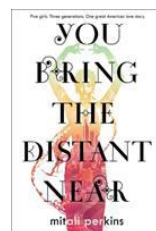


***The Perfect Escape* by Suzanne Park | [YA PAR](#)**

Told in two voices, Nate Jae-Woo Kim and Kate Anderson team up in a survivalist competition hoping the prize money will help his proud Korean family and enable her to pursue her dream of becoming an actress.

***You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins | [YA PER](#)**

From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions.

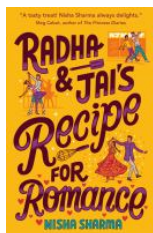


***American Betiya* by Anuradha D. Rajurkar | [YA RAJ](#)**

Eighteen-year-old Rani, a budding photographer, grapples with first love, family boundaries, and the complications of a cross-cultural relationship.

***Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay | [YA RIB](#)**

When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more.



***Radha and Jai's Recipe for Romance* by Nisha Sharma | [YA SHA](#)**

Told in two voices, teens Radha and Jai, seniors at a New Jersey performing arts high school, reignite their passion for dance and find strength in one another to pursue their dreams.

***Made in Korea* by Sarah Suk | [YA SUK](#)**

Two entrepreneurial Korean-American teens butt heads - and fall in love - while running competing Korean beauty businesses at their high school.



***Jade Fire Gold* by June CL Tan | [YA TAN](#)**

Ahn is no one, with no past and no family. Altan is a lost heir, his future stolen away as a child. When they meet, Altan sees in Ahn a path to reclaiming the throne. Ahn sees a way to finally unlock her past and understand her lethal magical abilities. But they may have to pay a far deadlier price than either could have imagined.

***Loveboat, Taipei* by Abigail Hing Wen | [YA WEN](#)**

Ever Wong's summer takes an unexpected turn: gone is Chien Tan, the strict educational program in Taiwan that Ever was expecting. In its place, she finds Loveboat: a summer-long free-for-all where hookups abound, adults turn a blind eye, snake-blood sake flows abundantly, and the nightlife runs nonstop.

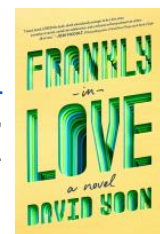


***Parachutes* by Kelly Yang | [YA YAN](#)**

Speak enters the world of Gossip Girl in this modern immigrant story from New York Times bestselling author Kelly Yang about two girls navigating wealth, power, friendship, and trauma.

***Frankly in Love* by David Yoon | [YA YOO](#)**

High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love--or himself--at all.



***How We Fall Apart* by Katie Zhao | [YA ZHA](#)**

Nancy Luo, Krystal Choi, Akil Patel, and Alexander Lin, juniors at Manhattan's elite Sinclair Prep, are forced to confront their secrets after Jamie Ruan, once their closest friend, is found dead.

Unless otherwise noted, all plot descriptions are from our online catalog.