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Explore, Discover, & Connect

Spring 2025

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LIBRARY UPDATE

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From all of us here at the Ventura County Library, we'd like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to those who have been impacted by the wildfires. We were also devastated to learn that the Los Angeles Public Library's Palisades Branch Library was destroyed in the recent Palisades Fire.

During emergencies like the fires, libraries continue to step up and help their communities with access to supplies and information. With the Palisades Fire, people gathered at the Los Angeles County Topanga Library where supplies were distributed and people could charge their phones. And with the recent planned power outages in Ventura County, our Ventura County Libraries served as places where people could come and charge devices and access the internet. During the Thomas Fire, our libraries played the same roles as well as distributing face masks and other supplies to residents. And our libraries often serve as places where people can access air conditioning or heat during weather emergencies, and they don't have to purchase anything to stay and do so.

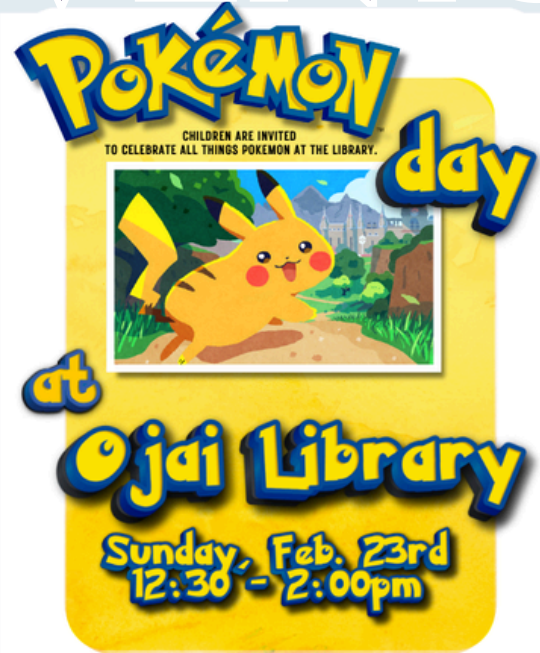
It is important to recognize libraries as vital community hubs and institutions in times of disaster, and to allocate resources adequately to fully leverage the potential libraries have to do even more for the communities we serve.



YOUTH EVENTS



Fillmore Library
Thursday 2/6 3:00- 4:00pm



TEEN EVENTS

Teen Craft Club - Amigurumi Ladybugs

Hill Road Library | Feb 12 at 3:45pm
Amigurumi is the art of small knit and crochet toys. In this club meeting, we'll create adorable little ladybugs. This program is designed for people ages 11-19.



Minecraft Club

E.P. Foster Library
Mondays 3:30 - 5:00pm
Join us for Minecraft Gaming at the library. This program is limited to participants ages 8 -17 years old. Space is limited. First come, first served.

Teen Tuesdays

Meiners Oaks Library
Tuesdays 4:00 -5:00 pm
Calling all teens! Stop by the Meiners Oaks Library after school for fun art projects and games! Bring a friend, or just come solo. See you there!

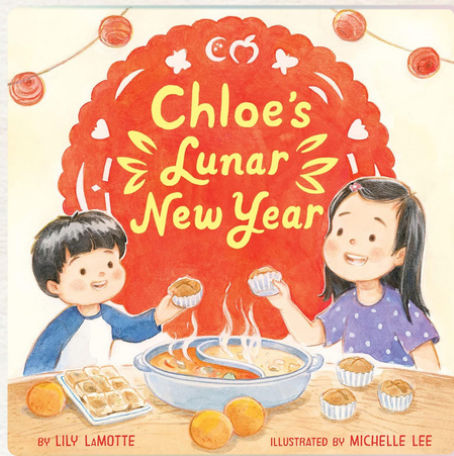


In-Person & Virtual Storytime

Check our website for dates and times.



Picturebooks



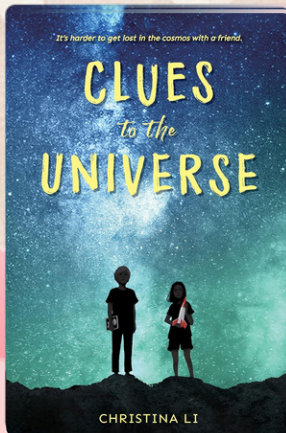
Lunar New Year

(January 29, 2025, Year of the Snake)

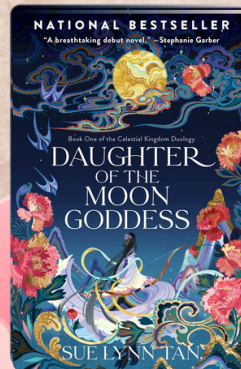
While the Lunar New Year is celebrated across Asia, in America it is most associated with China. These titles about Chinese-Americans and Chinese-American culture, include memoirs, a cookbook with recipes traditional to the New Year, and guides to tea, calligraphy and more.

Make a resolution to read Chinese-American authors during the Year of the Snake.

Middle Grade



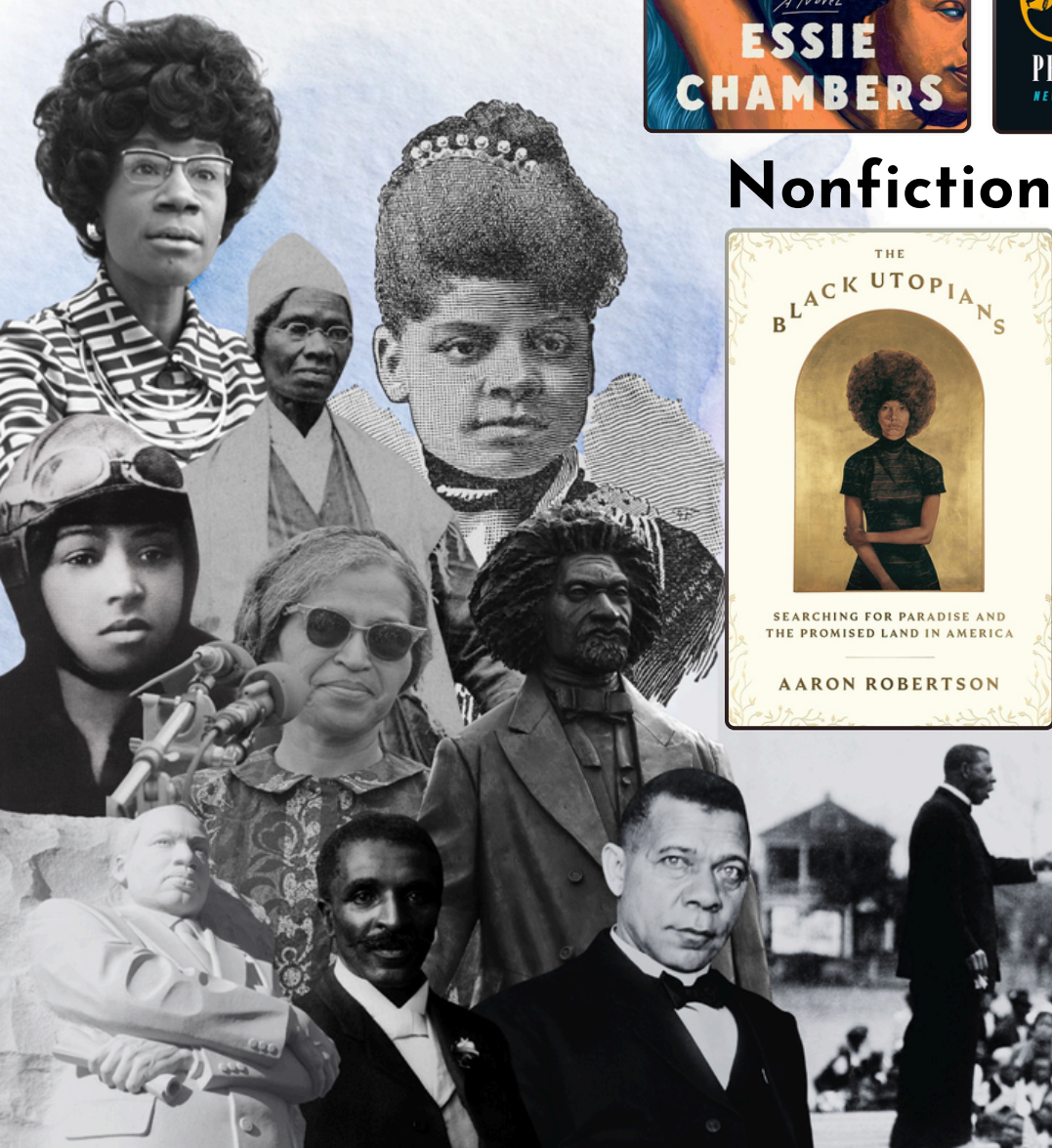
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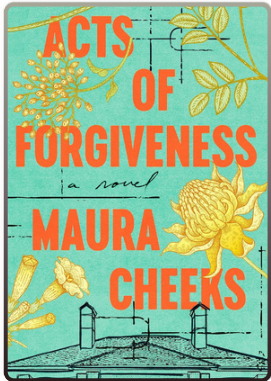
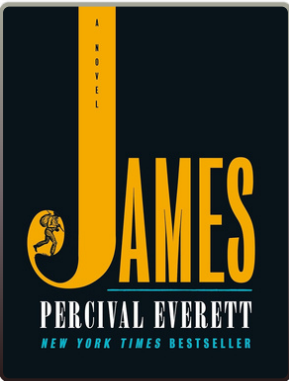
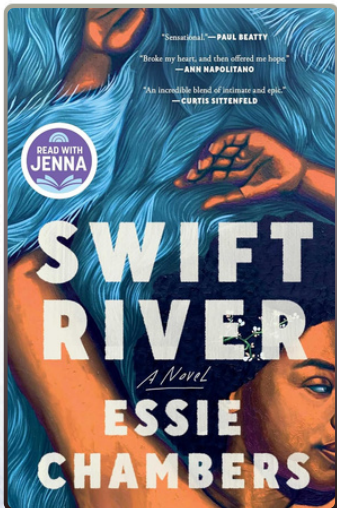
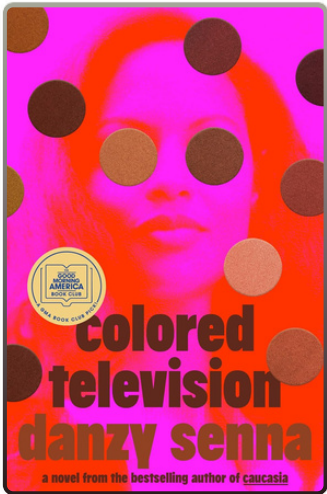
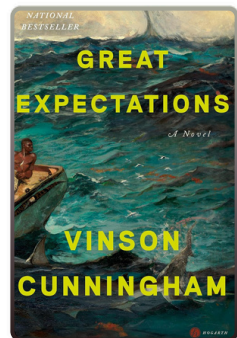
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2025

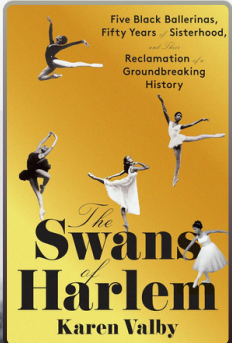
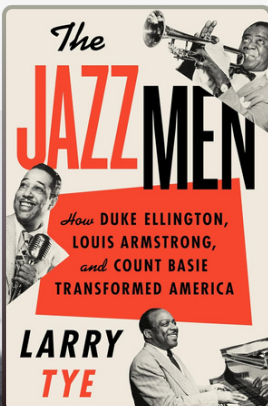
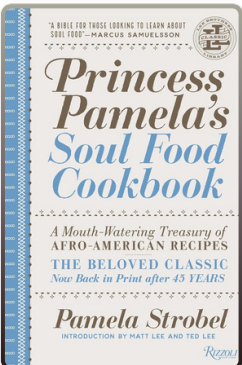
Exploring history creatively by reworking classics, and imagining a future featuring reparations, these fiction picks provide thought-provoking reading. Meanwhile nonfiction fans can explore the origins of soul food staples and be inspired by those who forged new paths, whether establishing towns or dancing.



Fiction



Nonfiction



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Youth



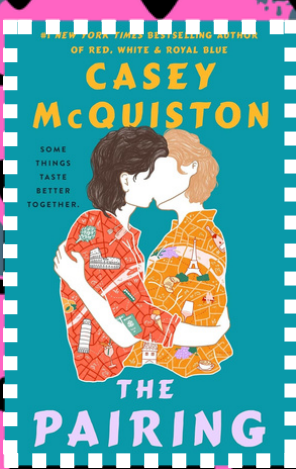
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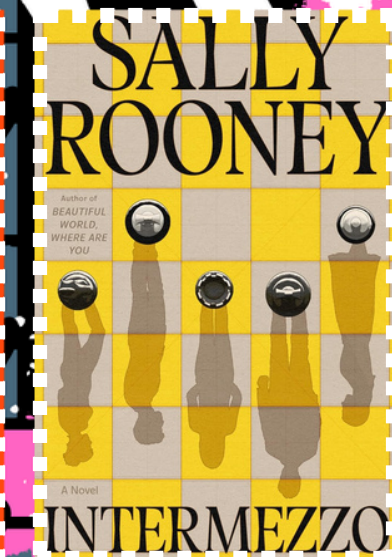
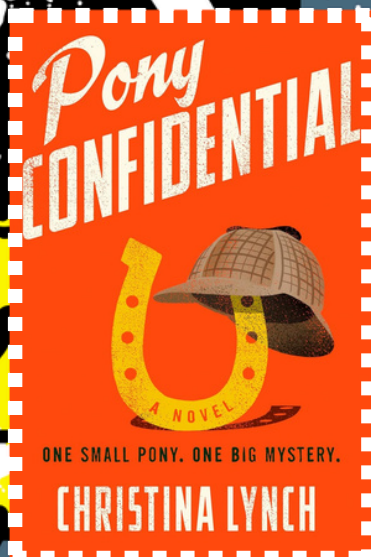
Teen



NONTRADITIONAL VALENTINES



Who said love stories have to follow traditional norms to be compelling? These fiction titles are about everything from a pony loyally devoted to his rider, to an Irish chess player enamored with an older woman, to a present-day traveler fascinated by a time traveler rescued from the Arctic ice in the 1840s.



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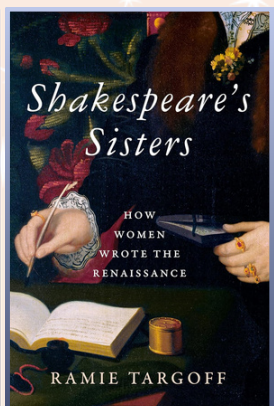
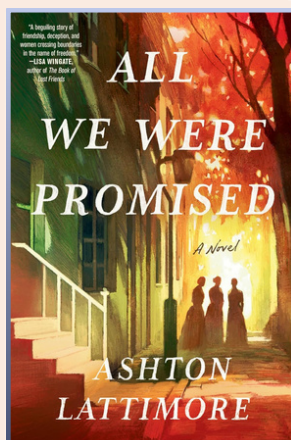
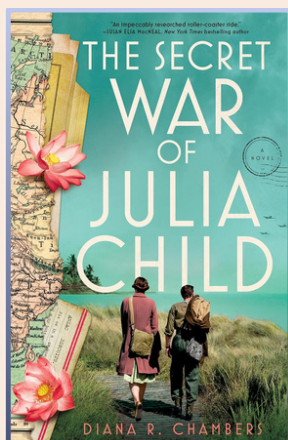
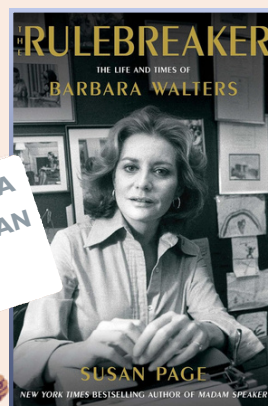
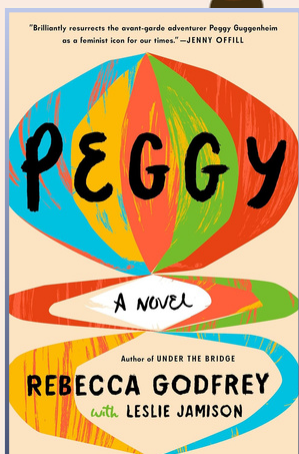
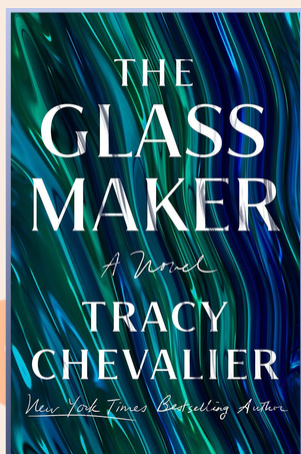
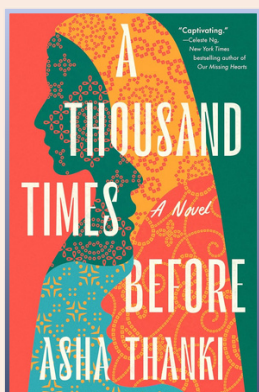
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HIGHER WAGES

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN

NO MEANS NO

WOMEN BRING ALL VOTERS INTO THE WORLD!



Generations before us, women broke with tradition and made history. From fiction about Italian glassmaking to nonfiction about the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives, the women in these volumes weren't stopped by their gender.

CONSENT IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT

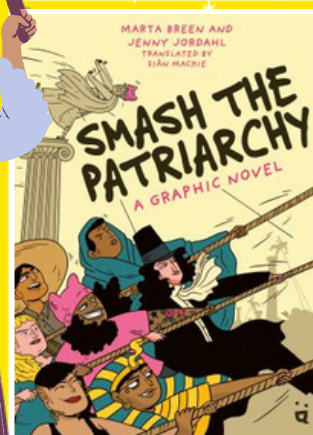
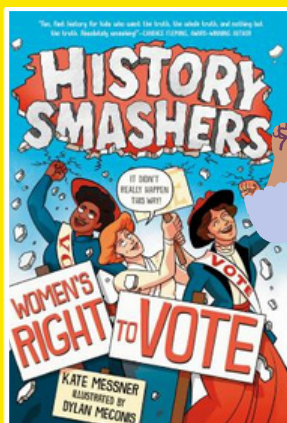
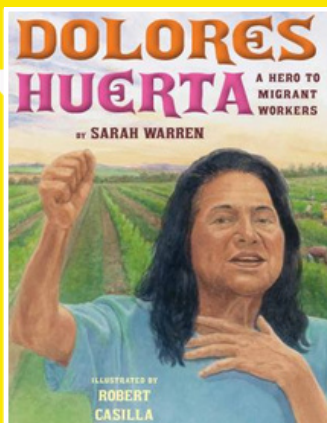
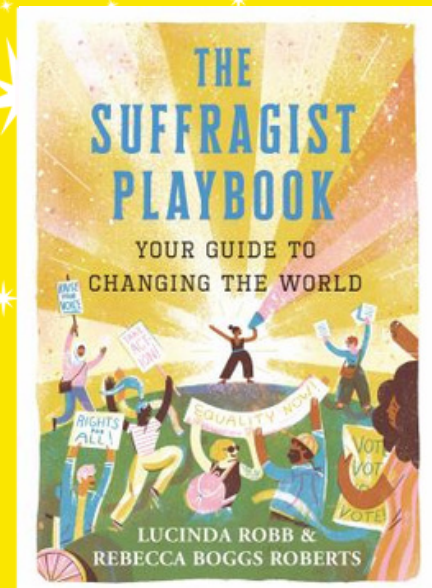
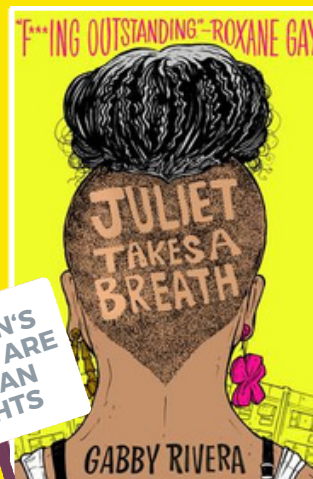
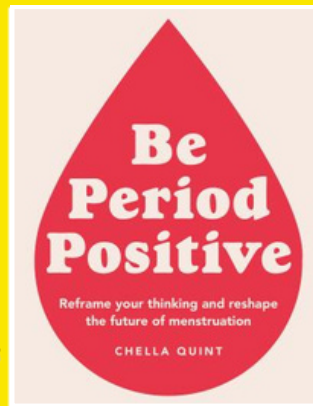
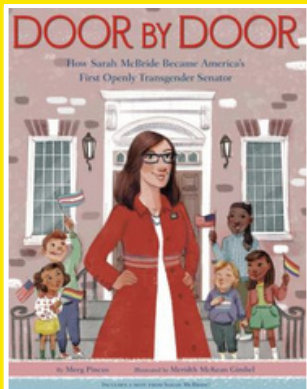
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Children

Teen

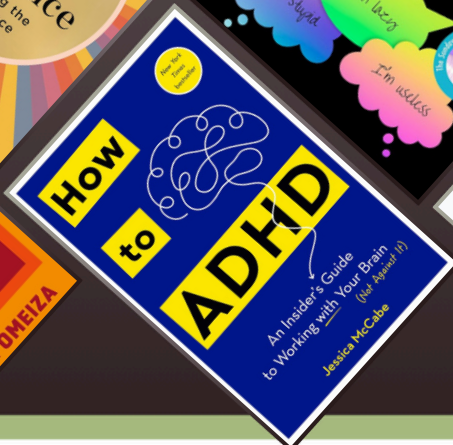


DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS

Developmental Disabilities Awareness: Focus on Autism & ADHD

These new nonfiction titles about autism and ADHD tackle aspects of two of the most common developmental disabilities.

Adult Nonfiction



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Youth Focus on Autism & ADHD AWARENESS

Picturebooks

Middle Grade

Teen

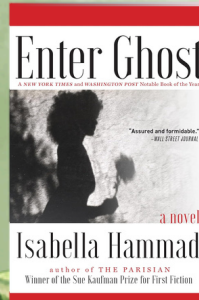
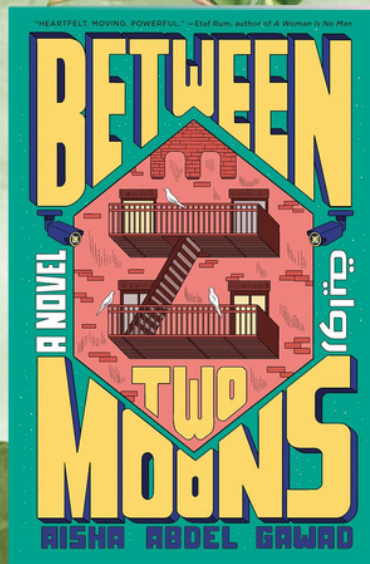
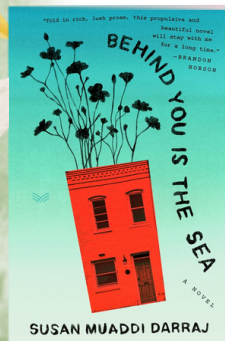


ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

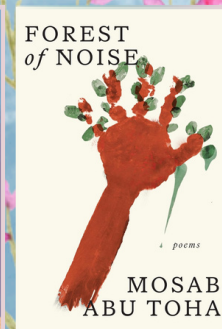
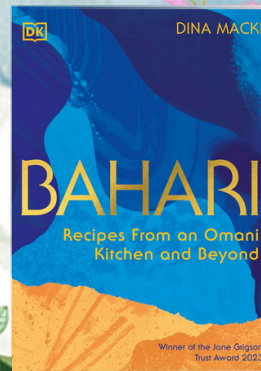
April 2025

The importance of the Arab American community in America, and its heritage, is giving rise to a broad new literature of fiction, memoir, poetry and nonfiction. Dip into these titles to learn more.

Fiction



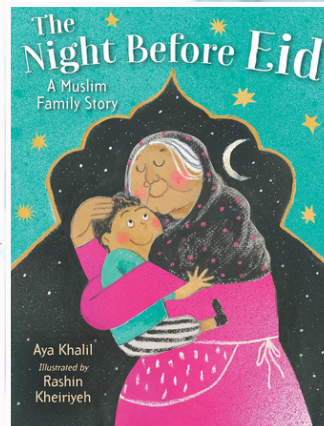
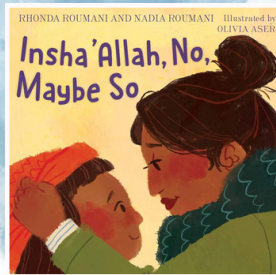
Nonfiction



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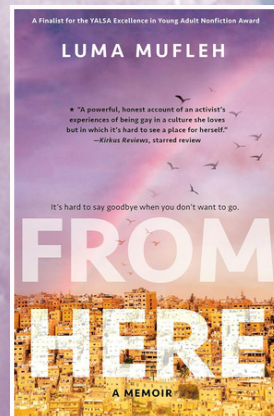
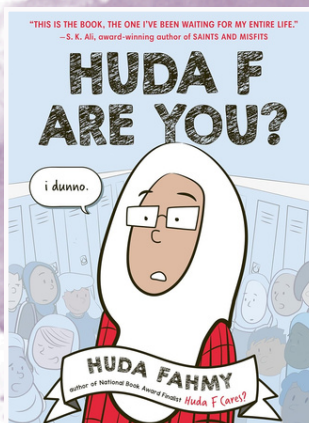
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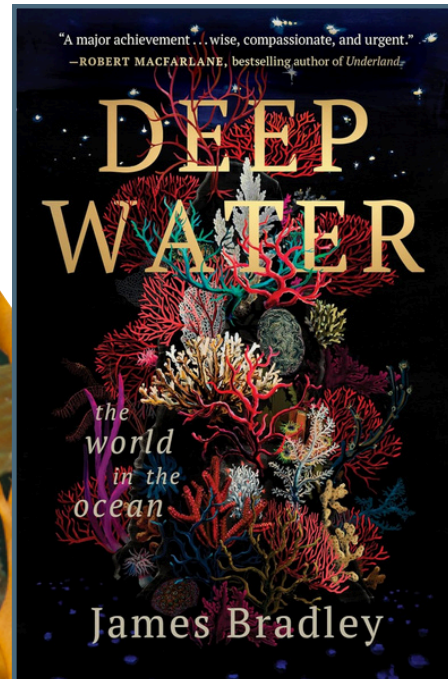
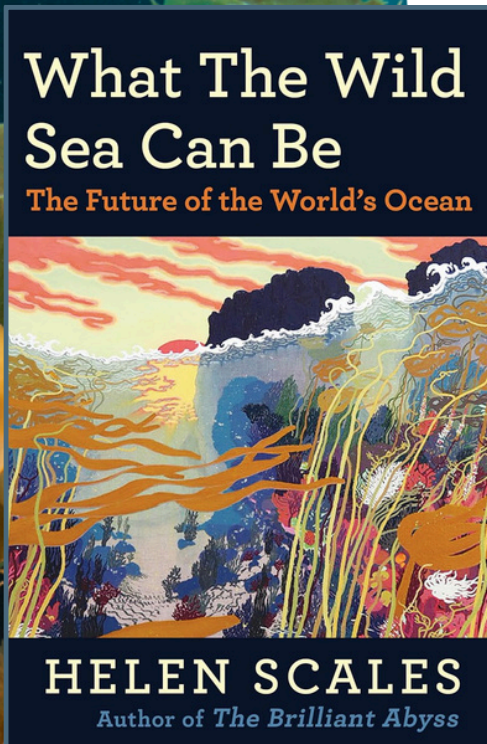
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Middle Grade



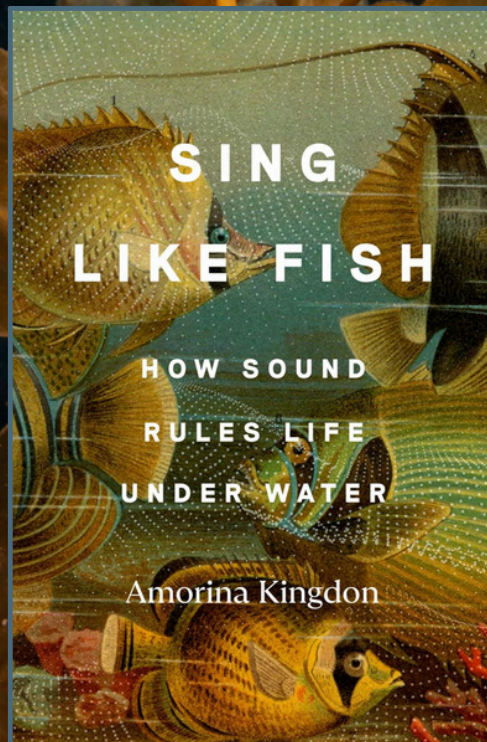
EARTH DAY

April 22, 2025



This Earth Day learn something new about the seas that surround us.

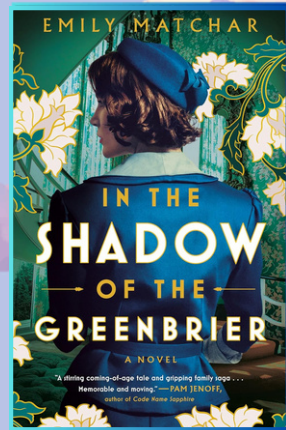
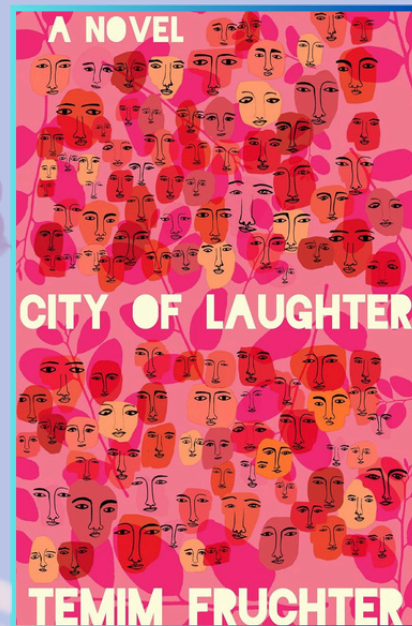
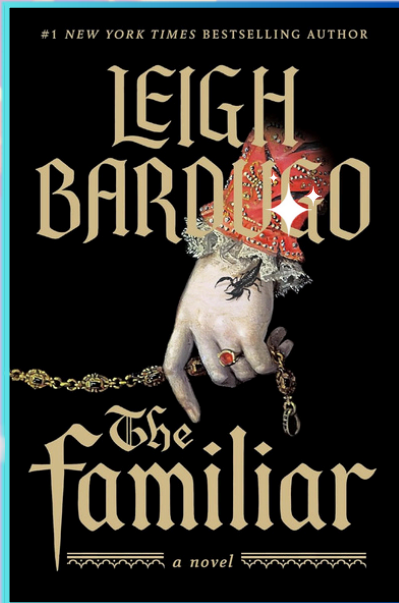
These nonfiction books focus on the wonders of the deep and our tide zones.



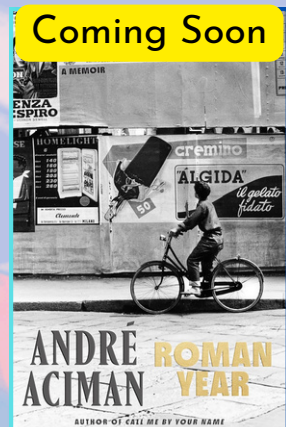
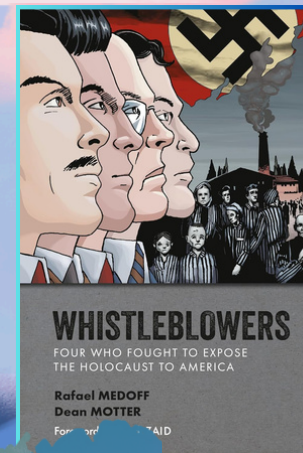
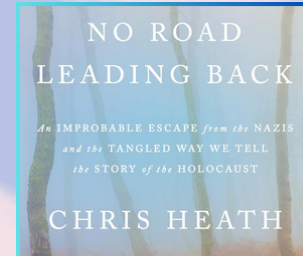
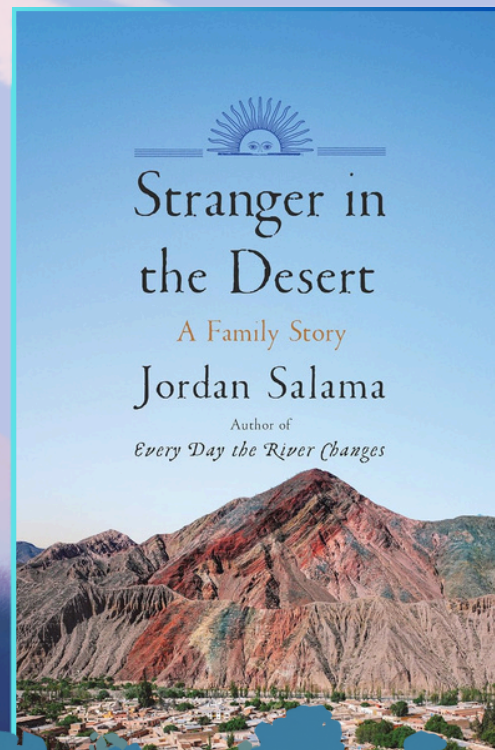
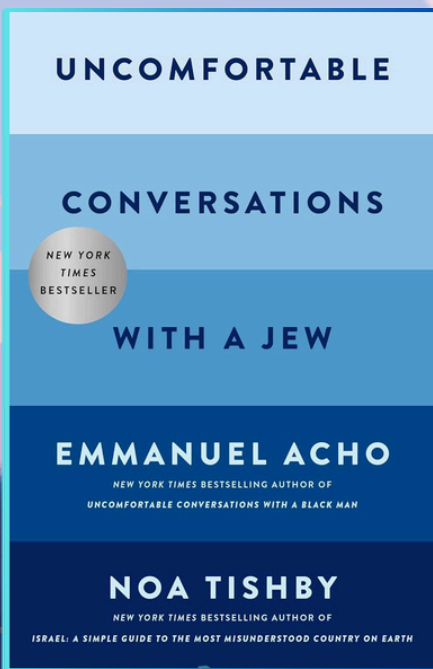
Jewish Heritage Month

These books are timely reminders of the range of Jewish experience and history, covering in fiction and nonfiction, the Inquisition, immigration, the Holocaust, Hollywood blacklists and more.

Fiction

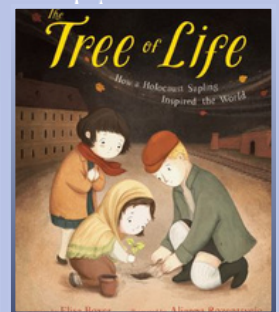
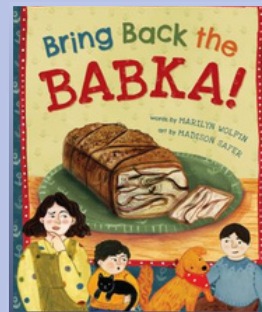
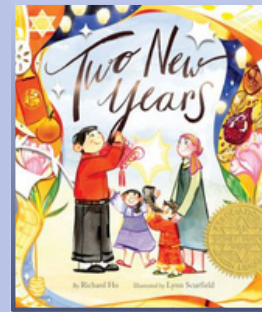
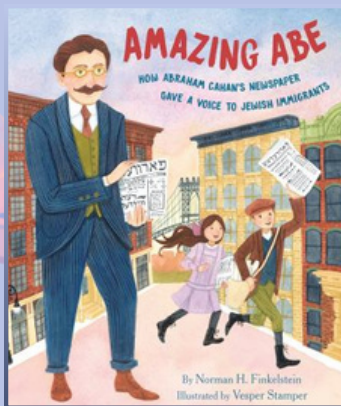


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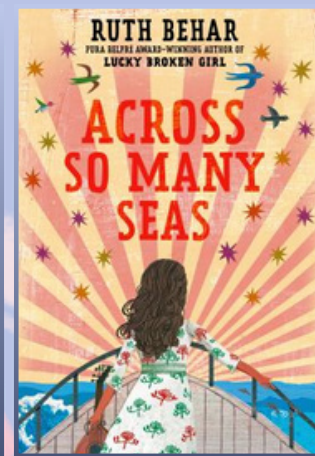
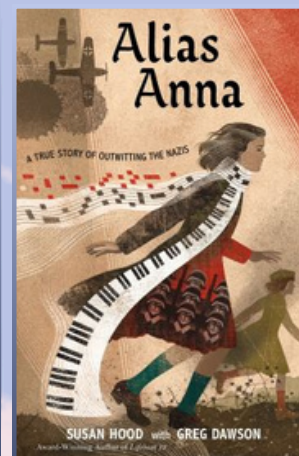
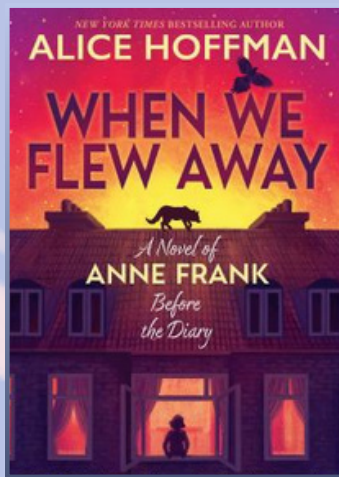
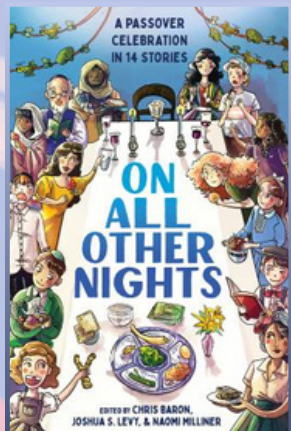


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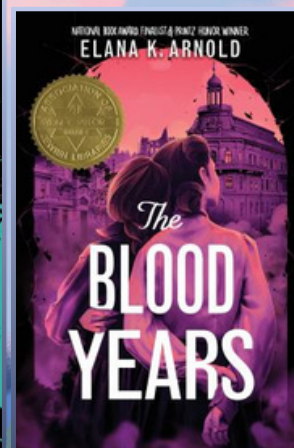
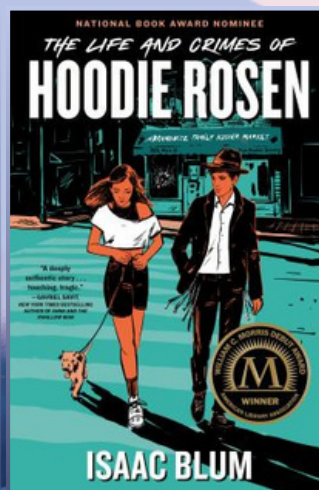
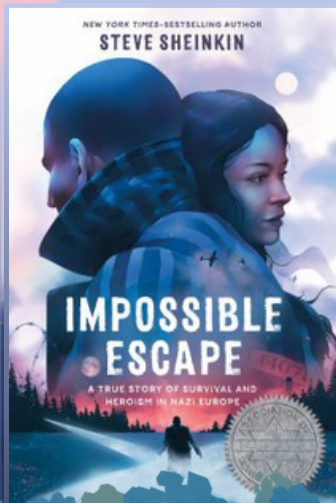
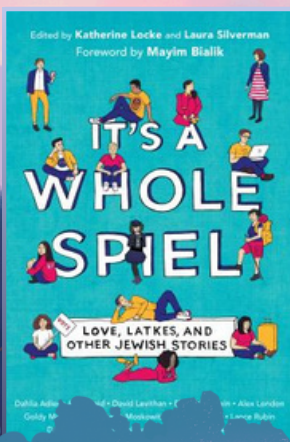
Picturebooks



Middle Grade



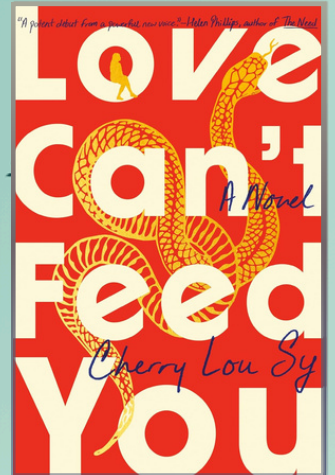
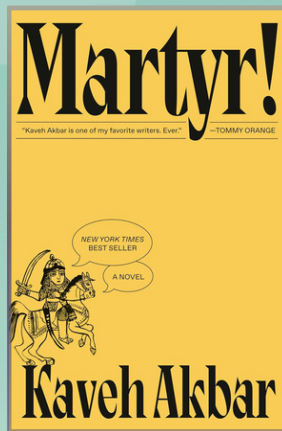
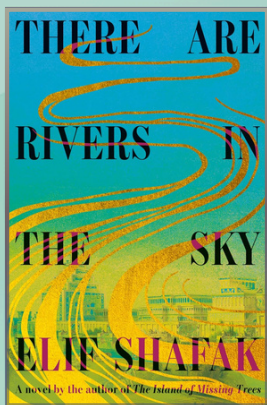
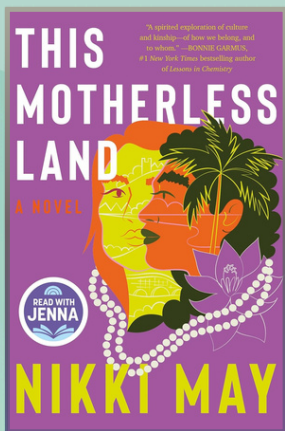
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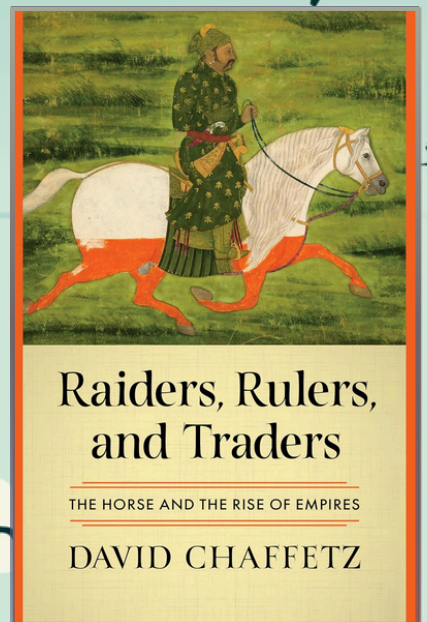
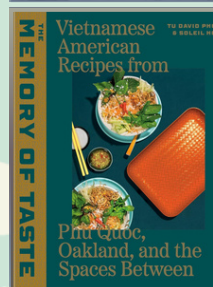
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

We cover a lot of ground in this round-up of books - from Turkey to Hawaii, and from India to Vietnam, with side trips to Oakland, California and New York, New York among other places, there's something here for a vast variety of readers.

Fiction



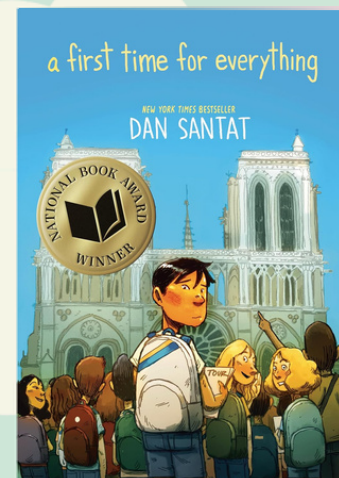
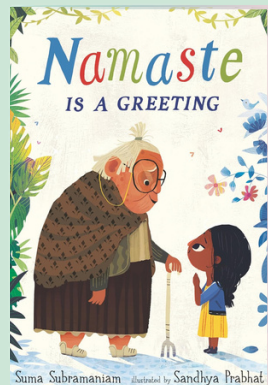
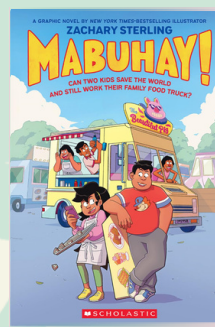
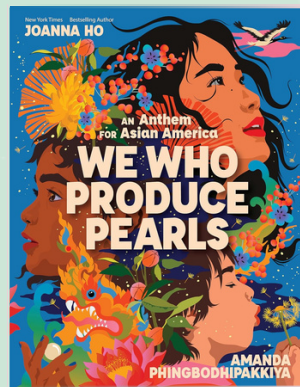
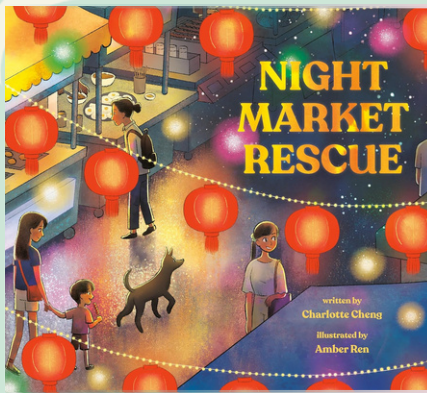
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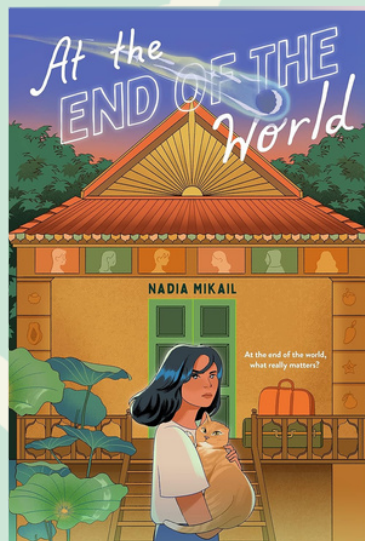
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

Children's Picturebooks

Graphic Novels



Teen



Celebrating

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

May 2025

Create a beautiful
Bouquet

**Color, cut, and
paste flowers to
create your
bouquet!**

Let's learn more by
creating our very own
bouquet of flowers from
different Asian
countries! Each flower
represents a beautiful
part of their culture and
the AAPI communities
here in the U.S.

This month, we're celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month—a time to honor and appreciate the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States! Many of these people have roots in countries across Asia and the Pacific, and they are an important part of America's story.



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Celebrating

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

Color, cut, and paste to
create your bouquet!



Moon Orchid
Indonesia



Dok Champa
Laos



Lotus
Vietnam & India



Ratchaphruek
Thailand



Chrysanthemum
Japan



Lala
Aghanistan



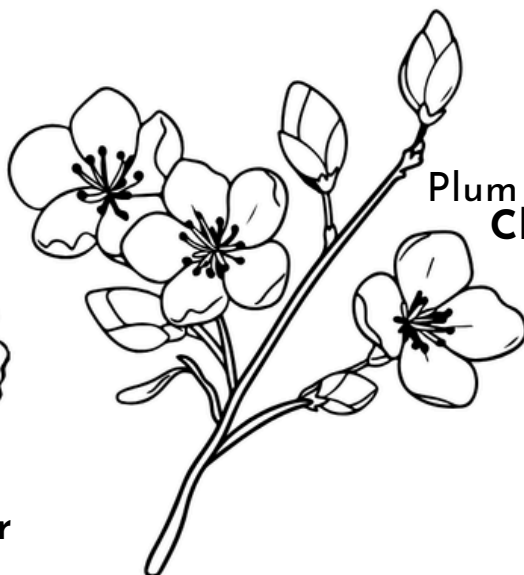
Sampaguita Jasmine
Phillipines



Bunga Raya
Malaysia



Yellow Hibiscus
Hawaii State Flower



Plum Blossom
China



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