

## Asian American and Pacific Islander Author Book List 2022

***How High We Go in the Dark***, by Sequoia Nagamatsu  
**DB 106990**

In this collection of linked stories and characters, humanity struggles to rebuild itself in the aftermath of a climate plague. When a grieving man continues the work of his deceased daughter in the Arctic Circle, he unknowingly unleashes a plague that reshapes life on Earth for generations to come.

***The Family Chao***, by Lan Samantha Chang  
**DB 106766**

The residents of Haven, Wisconsin, have dined on the Fine Chao restaurant's delicious Americanized Chinese food for thirty-five years, content to ignore any unsavory whispers about the family owners. But when the three sons are all back in Haven, the Chao family's secrets and simmering resentments erupt at last.

***Homicide and Halo-Halo : Tita Rosie's Kitchen Mystery, Book 2***, by Mia P. Manansala  
**DB 106466**

Lila Macapagal is not looking forward to the start of summer, especially because she still has two eligible bachelors trying to court her, and she can't commit to opening her new café. But when a teen beauty pageant judge is murdered, Lila must help her cousin Bernadette.

***When I'm Gone, Look for Me in the East***, by Quan Barry  
**DB 107008**

Tasked with finding the reincarnation of a great lama--a spiritual teacher who may have been born anywhere in the vast Mongolian landscape--the young monk Chuluun sets out with his identical twin, Mun, who has rejected the monastic life they once shared.

***The Red Palace***, by June Hur  
**DB 106804**

Korea, 1758. While investigating a series of grisly murders, eighteen-year-old palace nurse Hyeon navigates royal and political intrigue and becomes entangled with a young police inspector.

***To Paradise***, by Hanya Yanagihara  
**DB 106323**

A townhouse in Greenwich Village ties together three stories of love and loss. In an alternative version of 1893, same-sex marriage is commonplace. In 1993, a young Hawaiian man lives with an older lover while the AIDS epidemic rages. In 2093, the world is ravaged by plagues as a woman seeks her missing husband. Unrated.

***The School for Good Mothers***, by Jessamine Chan  
**DB 106410**

Set in near-future America, the School for Good Mothers is a government-run reform program where bad mothers are retrained using robot children with artificial intelligence. Single-mother Frida Liu is turned in by a neighbor and must spend a year at the newly-created institution to regain custody of her daughter. Unrated.

***Joan is Okay***, by Weike Wang  
**DB 106795**

Joan is an ICU physician at a busy New York City hospital, the daughter of Chinese parents who returned to China. Joan's whole life has been about study and work, but when Joan's father suddenly dies, her mother returns to America, now more determined than ever to connect with Joan. Unrated.

***The Swimmers***, by Julie Otsuka  
**BR 24126 ; DB 107007**

The swimmers are unknown to one another except through their private routines (slow lane, medium lane, fast lane) and the solace each takes in their morning or afternoon laps. But when a crack appears at the bottom of the pool, they are cast out into an unforgiving world. Unrated.

***Brown Girls***, by Daphne Palasi Andreades  
**DB 106444**

In Queens, New York, young women of color like Nadira, Gabby, Naz, Trish, Angelique, and countless others attempt to reconcile their immigrant backgrounds with the American culture in which they come of age. Here, they become friends for life--or so they vow. Unrated.

***Four Aunties and a Wedding*** : Aunties, Book 2, by Jesse Q. Sutanto  
**DB 107262**

Meddy, from Dial A for Aunties (DB 103081), is preparing for her wedding to Nathan. She wants Ma and her aunties to relax for the wedding, so they compromise and hire another Chinese-Indonesian family-run company to provide all the services. But Meddy overhears the photographer planning a hit, and realizes the other family's specialty is crime. Unrated.

***Peach Blossom Spring***, by Melissa Fu  
**DB 106193**

China, 1938. As a young wife, Meilin's future is bright. But with the Japanese army approaching, Meilin and her four-year-old son, Renshu, are forced to flee their home. Relying on little but their wits and a beautifully illustrated hand scroll, they must travel through a ravaged country, seeking refuge. Unrated.

***Portrait of a Thief***, by Grace D. Li  
**DB 107563**

Will Chen is the seemingly perfect senior at Harvard. But when a mysterious Chinese benefactor reaches out with an impossible--and illegal--job offer, Will can't resist the temptation to lead a crew to steal back five priceless sculptures looted from Beijing five hundred years ago. He and his crew all have their own reasons for participating. Unrated.

***Four Treasures of the Sky***, by Jenny Tinghui Zhang  
**DB 107528**

When she is kidnapped and smuggled from China to America in the 1880s, Daiyu is forced to keep reinventing herself to survive. As anti-Chinese sentiment sweeps across the country, Daiyu must draw on each of the selves she has been in order to finally claim her own name and story. Unrated.

***Honor***, by Thrity N. Umrigar  
**BR 24053 ; DB 106610**

Indian American journalist Smita has reluctantly returned to India to cover a story. As she follows the case of Meena--a Hindu woman attacked for marrying a Muslim man--Smita comes

face to face with a society where tradition carries more weight than one's own heart. Violence and strong language.

***What My Bones Know: A Memoir of Healing from Complex Trauma***, by Stephanie Foo

**DB 107612**

The author recounts her painful experiences with complex PTSD--a condition that occurs when trauma happens continuously over the course of years. In her quest for healing, she interviews scientists and psychologists, and she tries a variety of innovative therapies. Unrated.

***Little Fires Everywhere***, by Celeste Ng

**BR 22149 ; DB 89018**

Elena Richardson and her family lead an orderly existence in Shaker Heights, Ohio, until Mia and her daughter rent a house from them. When a neighbor tries to adopt a baby, Elena and Mia end up on opposing sides of the custody battle. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

***If I Had Your Face***, by Frances Cha

**DB 99495**

Four young women in Seoul, Korea, face a world defined by beauty standards, social hierarchies, and the expectations of men. A companion makes an impulsive mistake with a client. An artist maintains a precarious relationship with a wealthy man. A hair stylist obsesses over a pop star. A newlywed desires motherhood. Unrated.

***Severance***, by Ling Ma

**DB 93789**

Candace Chen is working in an office tower when a pandemic sweeps New York City. Before long, she is alone in the abandoned city. She joins a group of survivors led by a power-hungry IT tech named Bob in search of a place called the Facility. Unrated.

***How Much of These Hills is Gold***, by C Pam Zhang

**DB 99144**

Twelve-year-old Lucy and eleven-year-old Sam lose their only parent, Ba. In a land that is unwelcoming to the orphans of Chinese immigrants, they begin a quest for two silver dollars with which to bury Ba. They must rely on each other to claim their future. Unrated.

***The Sympathizer***, by Viet Thanh Nguyen

**DB 82047**

Saigon of 1975 is in chaos. Meanwhile, a South Vietnamese general decides who will receive the last flights out of the country, including himself, his allies, and his trusted captain. Unbeknownst to him, however, the captain observes and reports on the group to the Viet Cong. Some violence and some strong language.

***Afterparties***, by Anthony Veasna So

**DB 106193**

A collection of short stories about Cambodian-American life that provide insight into the intimacy of queer and immigrant communities. Two drunk brothers hatch a scheme. A teacher and entrepreneur engage in a love affair. A child learns his mother survived a racist school shooter. Unrated.