

Asian Pacific Heritage Book Talk – Show Notes

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Librarians Loretta and Marla discuss some of their favorite books featuring Asian and Pacific Islander characters. They also discuss the origin of the term, “Asian American” and provide a brief historical context for how the hate crimes going on stretch back to anti-Asian sentiment as far back as the 1850s with the Gold Rush and the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

Books Discussed

Child of the Owl by Lawrence Yep
American Panda by Gloria Chao
Our Wayward Fate by Gloria Chao
Picture Us in the Light by Kelly Loy Gilbert
Pho Love Story by Loan Le
A Match Made in Mehendi by Nandini Bajpai
The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee
Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
Peony in Love by Lisa See
Shanghai Girls by Lisa See
Dreams of Joy by Lisa See
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

More AAPI Podcasts to Check Out:

Self Evident

A podcast where we tell Asian America’s stories to help you do that, with the people closest to you. Each episode presents an in-depth audio documentary or radically open conversations from Asian American communities — across generations, cultures, and class.

<https://selfevidentshow.com/>

They Call Us Bruce:

Hosts Jeff Yang and Phil Yu present an unfiltered conversation about what's happening in Asian America.

<https://podcastpotluck.com/they-call-us-bruce>

Long Distance:

A podcast about stories in the Filipino diaspora hosted by Paola Mardo. Each episode moves beyond typical immigrant narratives to share thoughtful tales of love, loss, history, and humor through audio documentaries and creative approaches to storytelling with sound.

<https://www.longdistanceradio.com/>

Southern Fried Asian

On this podcast, we look at a region of the country that isn't typically associated with the stories of Asian America and unpack what it means to be Asian American in the American South.

<https://southernfriedasian.libsyn.com/>

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