

# Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Reading List

- **Random House Books:** *“ In uncertain times, we have always found wisdom in books and courage from our authors. The hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community are appalling and deeply troubling. The fight against racism will take all of us, and one way to begin is by sharing AAPI stories, culture, food, experiences, and voices. As we work together to build an antiracist and equitable future, we hope the books on this page can teach, inspire, and strengthen. This list is not exhaustive, but it’s a place to start.”*
  - <http://www.randomhousebooks.com/lists/aapi-reading-list/>
- **Asian American Voices: An Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Reading List:** *“Racism is indiscriminate, carpet bombing groups that bear the slightest resemblance to one another,” wrote Cathy Park Hong, in her recent [New York Times Magazine](#) essay. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, verbal and physical violence directed at individuals of Asian descent has reminded us of the ugliness of racism and its ability to silence certain voices by telling them they don’t belong. In response, we’ve sought to help amplify contemporary Asian American voices in this reading list by showcasing titles from Asian American authors.*
  - <https://pen.org/asian-american-voices-reading-list/>
- **Must Read Books for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month:** *This Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, celebrate the many cultures and stories within the AAPI community with books by authors of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage and cultures. #ReadAsianAuthors and uplift AAPI stories, this month and every month!*
  - <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/books-for-asian-pacific-american-heritage-month>
- **Stop Anti-Asian Racism and Violence:** *“We’re filled with grief, rage, and horror at the escalating anti-Asian sentiment and hate crimes being perpetrated in this country. This is not a new phenomenon, and we continue to grapple with the ways racial identity has been weaponized throughout U.S. history.”*
  - <https://www.powells.com/featured/literature-and-resources-to-stop-anti-asian-violence>
- **25 Amazing Books by Asian American and Pacific Islander Authors You Need to Read:** *May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which celebrates the lives and [contributions](#) of inspiring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through various mediums. In honor of the holiday, here are 25 books from Asian American and*

*Pacific Islander authors that you should include on your reading list, from prize-winning fiction to graphic novels, essays, and memoirs*

- <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/583476/amazing-books-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-authors>
  
- **Ten Essential Books About the Asian American Experience:** *“For anyone looking to learn more about the Asian American experience, past and present, one of the best ways to get educated is to crack open a book. We’ve pulled together a list of ten books that illuminate different facets of the Asian American experience, from fiction woven through with topics like immigration and activism, to nonfiction about the intersection of race, gender, and sexuality. Once your reading is underway, brush up on [ways to donate](#) to AAPI communities, and do your part to [stop AAPI hate](#).”*
  - <https://www.esquire.com/entertainment/books/g35885208/asian-american-books/>
  
- **Anti Asian Hate Books: The New York Times:** *“A powerful way to fight racism is education. Conversations about prejudice with your children starting at a young age go a long way toward building empathy and acceptance, and books can be a great tool for sending important messages. This list of 10 fiction, nonfiction and comic books will help kids of all backgrounds understand and combat this wave of anti-Asian hate and bullying, and provide more context to America’s history of discrimination.”*
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/24/at-home/anti-asian-hate-books.html>
  
- **The Children’s Book Council: Stop Asian Hate Book Lists and Resources:** *“Indie bookstores, non-profits, and media outlets are publishing book lists and resources to help spur a debate and a deeper understanding of recent events and the history of hate directed towards Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as well as some resources for contributing to victims of hate crimes.”*
  - <https://www.cbcbooks.org/2021/03/22/stop-asian-hate-book-lists-and-resources/>
  
- **The Feminist Press: #StopAsianHateReadingList:** *“#StopAsianHate by donating, volunteering, speaking out, taking action, and reading (yes, reading!). At Feminist Press, we believe that books foster empathy, shift culture, and provide us with words when we are speechless. Here are just a few steps you can take today (via our friends at [Madison Street Books](#)) and a few books to add to your TBR.”*
  - <https://www.feministpress.org/news/stopasianhate-reading-list>