



ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian American and Pacific Islander Month Reading List

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; a time to learn, celebrate, and pay tribute to the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have struggled, and continue to struggle, sacrifice, and give their lives to make our nation a more just and equitable place for all. This month also provides us with an opportunity to begin practicing “the 6th P” of the 6-Fold test—*Practicing Solidarity*. Practicing Solidarity asks us to consider two fundamental questions:

- In what ways are we standing with and advocating for the Multiethnic Mosaic?
- How are we sharing in the suffering of others on both an individual and communal level?

We invite you to share this non-comprehensive reading list with your congregations, created by the LMDJ team, to learn how we can more faithfully rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.

AAPI History Reading Recommendations

1. *The Chinese Must Go: Violence, Exclusion, and the Making of the Alien in America* (Beth Lew-Williams)
2. *Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans* (Ronald Takaki)
3. *The Latinos of Asia: How Filipino Americans Break the Rules of Race* (Anthony Christian Ocampo)
4. *The Making of Asian America: A History* (Erika Lee)
5. *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White* (Frank Wu)
6. *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People* (Helen Zia)
7. *The Forbidden Book: The Philippine-American War in Political Cartoons*, (Abe Ignacio, Enrique de la Cruz, Jorge Emmanuel, Helen Toribio)

8. *The Sacred Willow: Four Generations in the Life of a Vietnamese Family* (Duong Van Mai Elliott)
9. *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel* (Jamie Ford)
10. *No-No Boy: Classics of Asian American Literature* (John Okada)
11. *Introducing Asian Feminist Theology* (Kwok Pui-lan)
12. *Racial Conflict and Healing: An Asian-American Theological Perspective* (Andrew Sung Park)
13. *Off the Menu: Asian and Asian North American Women's Religion and Theology* (Edited by Rita Nakashima Brock, Jung Ha Kim, Pui-lan Kwok, Seung Ai Yang)
14. *Intersecting Realities: Race, Identity, and Culture in the Spiritual-Moral Life of Young Asian Americans* (Hak Joon Lee)
15. *Tapestry of Grace: Untangling the Cultural Complexities in Asian American Life and Ministry* (Benjamin C. Shin and Sheryl Takagi Silzer)
16. *Faithful Generations: Race and New Asian American Churches* (Russell Jeung)
17. *Musing with Confucius and Paul: Toward a Chinese Christian Theology* (K. K. YEO)
18. *Heart of the Cross: A Postcolonial Christology* (Wonhee Anne Joh)
19. *Race and Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation* (David P. Leong)
20. *The Future of Evangelical Theology: Soundings from the Asian American Diaspora* (Amos Yong)
21. *Making Paper Cranes: Toward an Asian American Feminist Theology* (Mihee Kim-Kort)
22. *More Than Serving Tea: Asian American Women on Expectations, Relationships, Leadership and Faith* (Kathy Khang, Christie Heller De Leon, Asifa Dean, Nikki Toyama-Szeto, and Tracey Gee)
23. *At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus among My Ancestors and Refugee Neighbors* (Russell Jeung)
24. *Korean Women And God: Experiencing God in a Multi-religious Colonial Context (Women from the Margins)* (Hee an Choi)
25. *Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans* (Jean Pfaelzer)
26. *Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up* (Kathy Khang)
27. *A Better Country: Embracing the Refugees in Our Midst* (Cindy M. Wu)
28. *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* (Loung Ung)

29. *Beautiful Hero: How We Survived the Khmer Rouge* (Jennifer Lau)

30. *Infamy: The Shocking Story of the Japanese American Internment in World War II* (Richard Reeves)

Commentaries for preaching and teaching from an AAPI perspective

1. *South Asia Bible Commentary: A One-Volume Commentary on the Whole Bible* (Brian Wintle)

2. *What Has Jerusalem to Do With Beijing?: Biblical Interpretation Form a Chinese Perspective* (K.K. Yeo)

Youth Reading

1. *American Born Chinese* (Gene Luen Yang)

2. [*Blackbird Fly*](#) (Erin Entrada Kelly)

3. *Tiger Girl* (May-Lee Chai)

4. *Wait for Me* (An Na)

Children's reading list

1. *Baseball Saved Us* (Ken Mochizuki)

2. *The Bracelet* (Yoshiko Uchida)

3. *The Name Jar* (Yangsook Choi)

4. *A Place Where Sunflowers Grow*, (Amy Lee-Tai and Felicia Hoshino)

5. *Fish for Jimmy: Inspired by One Family's Experience in a Japanese American Internment Camp*, (Katie Yamasaki)

6. *When God Made You* (Matthew Paul Turner)



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