

A cultural guide with resources to support  
solidarity and allyship with the Asian Community

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# Introduction

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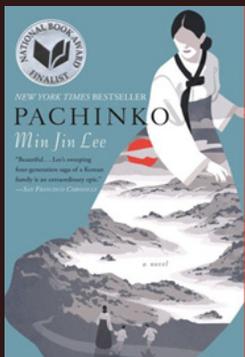
The intolerable hate crimes committed against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders have been on the rise since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. In 2021 alone, there have been multiple and increasing reports of brutal crimes committed against members of the Asian community, including the death of 84-year-old Vicha Ratanapakdee, who was violently pushed to the ground while taking his morning walk in San Francisco, California.

These recent attacks continue to expose our country's deeply rooted history of racism and oppression perpetrated against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders. At Salt Lake Community College, we do not tolerate discrimination, harassment, hate speech, bigotry or anti-Asian racism.

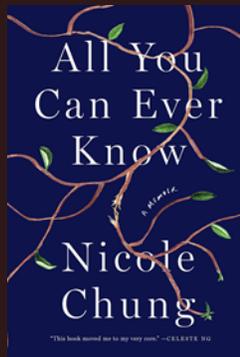


Chinese Arch  
Golden Spike  
National Historic Park

# Book Recommendations



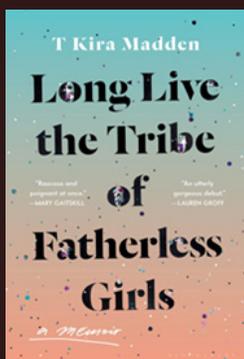
Pachinko  
by Min Jin  
Lee



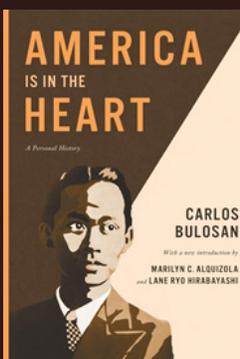
All You Can  
Ever Know  
by Nicole  
Chung  
Barnes &  
Noble,  
Amazon



Dear Girls by  
Ali Wong



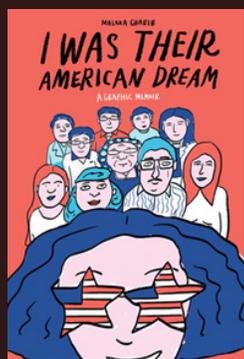
Long Live  
the Tribe of  
Fatherless  
Girls by T  
Kira  
Madden



America Is  
in the Heart  
by Carlos  
Bulosan



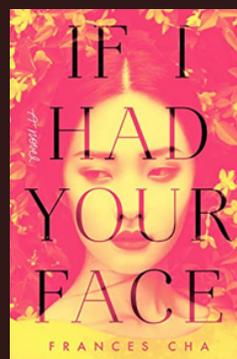
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Feelings:  
An Asian  
American  
Reckoning  
by Cathy  
Park Hong



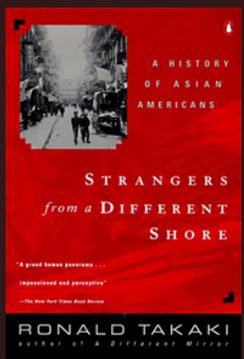
I Was Their  
American  
Dream by  
Malaka  
Gharib



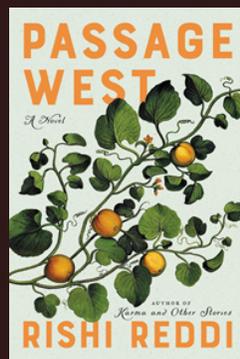
The Best We  
Could Do by  
Thi Bui



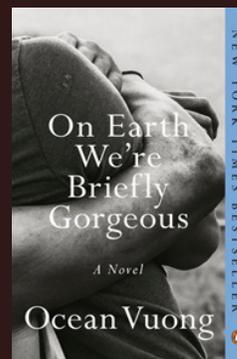
If I Had Your  
Face by  
Frances Cha



Strangers  
from a  
Different  
Shore by  
Ronald  
Takaki



Passage  
West by Ri-  
shi Reddi

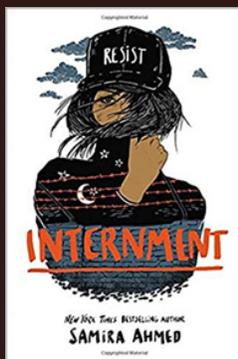


On Earth  
We're  
Briefly  
Gorgeous  
by Ocean  
Vuong

# Book Recommendations



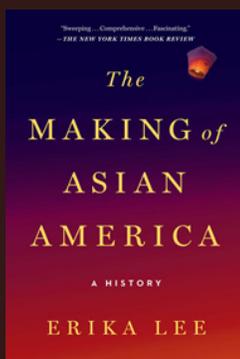
The Bad Muslim Discount by Syed M. Masood



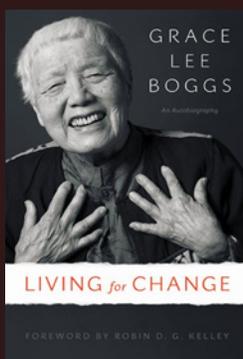
Internment by Samira Ahmed



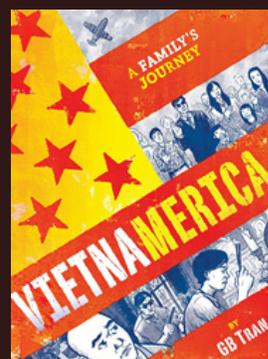
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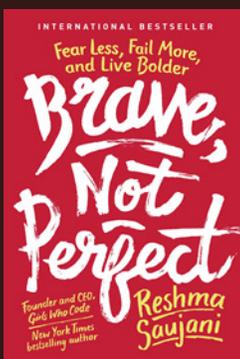
The Making of Asian America by Erika Lee



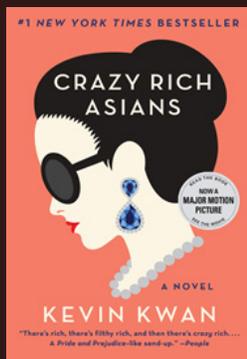
Living for Change by Grace Lee Boggs



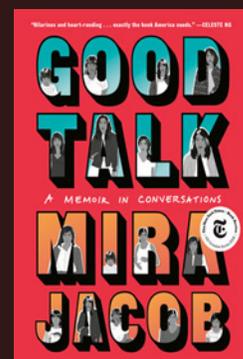
Vietnamercia: A Family's Journey by G.B. Tran



Brave, Not Perfect by Reshma Saujani



Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan



Good Talk by Mira Jacob  
Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Target

# Film Recommendations



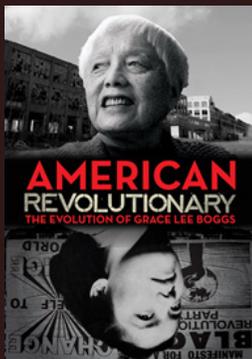
The Farewell



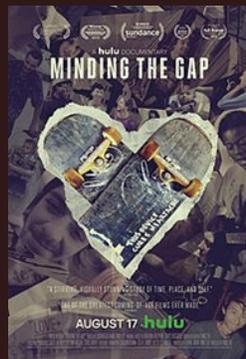
Gook



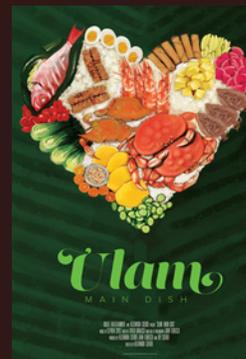
Spa Night



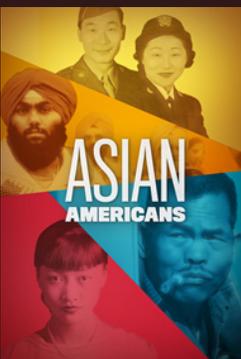
American Revolutionary: the Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs



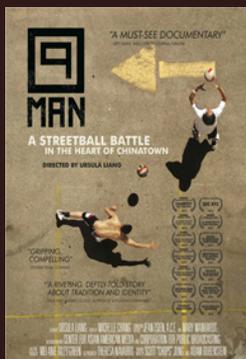
Minding the Gap (2018): Bing Liu



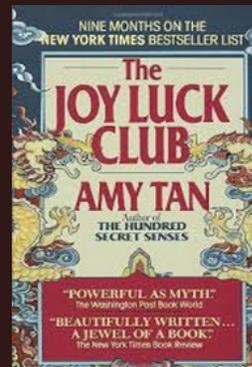
Ulam: Main Dish (2018)



Asian Americans: PBS (5-hour long episodes)



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The Joy Luck Club



Ugly Delicious Netflix



Little America Apple TV+



The Half of It Netflix

# Audio & Podcast Recommendations



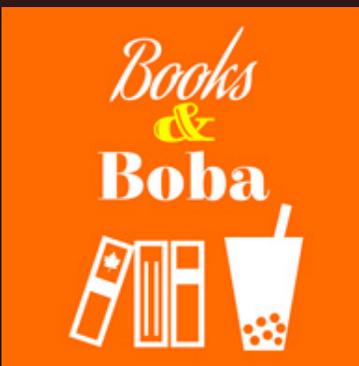
They Call Us Bruce



Asian Americana



The Model Minorities



Books and Boba



Sound and Fury



First of All



Asian Enough



Saturday School

# Community Involvement



The Chinese Society of Utah replaced the Chinese for Community Action in 1986 and became the representative Chinese organization in the Asian Society of Utah. A president, a vice president, and a 7-member board body provide volunteer work to serve its members and community. The CSU organizes major Taiwanese Chinese holiday celebrations, coordinates with TECO (Taiwan Economic Cultural Center) to provide visas and other citizen services, and also supports cultural events in the greater Salt Lake area.

<http://chinesesocietyofutah.com/>



The Center for Asian Pacific American Women is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to the enhancement and enrichment of leadership skills for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women through education, networking, and mentorship.

<https://apawomen.org/>



APALA is dedicated to promoting political education and voter registration programs among AAPIs, and to the training, empowerment, and leadership of AAPIs within the labor movement and APA community. Furthermore, APALA works to defend and advocate for the civil and human rights of AAPIs, immigrants and all people of color.

<https://www.apalanet.org/>



The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, a New York-based national organization founded in 1974, protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.

<https://www.aaldef.org/>

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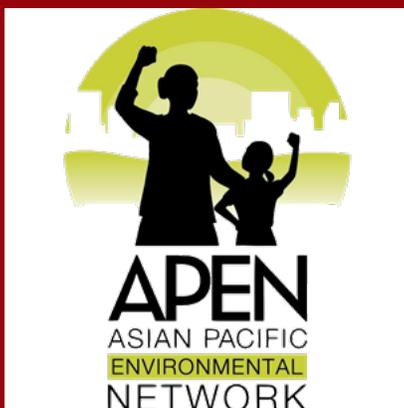
OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates and OCA Utah are dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Islander Americans (APIA). Our vision is to create a collaborative, mobilized pan-Asian Pacific Islander movement in Utah while supporting and promoting individual ethnic communities and organizations for Asian Pacific Islander community members to thrive.

<http://ocautah.org/>



As a health justice non-profit organization, APIAHF is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of more than 20 million AAs and NHPs living in the United States and its jurisdictions. We believe that all persons have the right to be healthy, the right to live in a thriving community, and the right to quality, affordable and accessible health care.

<https://www.apiahf.org/>



APEN brings together a collective voice to develop an alternative agenda for environmental, social and economic justice. Through building an organized movement, we strive to bring fundamental changes to economic and social institutions that will prioritize public good over profits and promote the right of every person to a decent, safe, affordable quality of life, and the right to participate in decisions affecting our lives. APEN holds this vision of environmental justice for all people. Our work focuses on Asian immigrant and refugee communities.

<http://apen4ej.org/>



The India Cultural Center (ICC) of Utah was established as a non-profit wholly owned subsidiary of the Sri Ganesha Hindu Temple in November 1999. The ICC's primary function is to promote the heritage, arts, crafts, sports and culture of India.

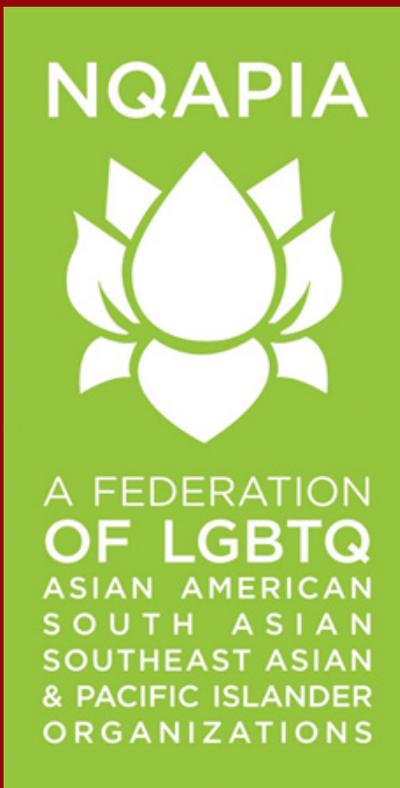
<https://www.utahindiacc.org/>

# Community Involvement



Mental Health America (MHA) is the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and promoting mental health of all. MHA's work is driven by its commitment to promote mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, including prevention services for all; early identification and intervention for those at risk; integrated care, services, and supports for those who need them; with recovery as the goal.

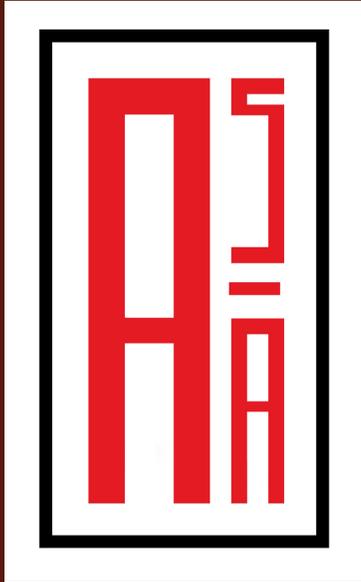
<https://www.mhanational.org/issues/asian-american-pacific-islander-communities-and-mental-health>



The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA) is a federation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Asian American, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) organizations. We seek to build the organizational capacity of local LGBT AAPI groups, develop leadership, promote visibility, educate our community, enhance grassroots organizing, expand collaborations, and challenge anti-LGBTQ bias and racism.

<https://www.nqapia.org/wpp/home/>

# Campus Involvement



## Mission Statement

The mission of ASA is to embrace SLCC's diverse community. ASA strives to help students to develop leadership and academic skills to succeed in college and in life. ASA will seek to educate the community on Asian & Asian American culture through a variety of educational and social events.

Follow ASA on Instagram @asaslcc

### Association Activities

- Service Projects
- Scholarship Information Help
- Homework Help
- Chinese New Year Celebration
- Fundraising
- Participate in School-wide Activities

Meetings: Thursdays from noon-1 p.m. virtually.

Contact ASA Club President:  
Tanya-Lynn.Faupula@slcc.edu

Co-Adviser: Alisi Niupalau, Matthew Wong

# White Allyship

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## CHALLENGE:

Challenge your conscious and unconscious biases. Do you know what they are? If not, start by taking an implicit association test. We recommend [implicit.harvard.edu](http://implicit.harvard.edu). Challenge your assumptions about the world.

What do you consider “normal?” Which histories do you know? And whose experiences do you center? What kind of knowledge centers your world? Challenge your privilege. We challenge you to acknowledge your privileges and how they perpetuate racism and white supremacy.

## DISRUPT:

What steps can you take each day to disrupt racism? As you gain more awareness, disrupt racist conversations. Use your privilege (and your physical and financial resources) to support people of color, their local businesses, and projects.

## DISMANTLE:

Know your place and stay in your lane. Let Black, Indigenous, and people of color lead their movements.



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