Celebrate by reading a YA book by a contemporary AAPI author.

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**The Space Between Here & Now**
by Sarah Suk
When a memory of her estranged mom doesn't match up, 17-year-old Aimee Roh, who has a rare condition that causes her to travel back to a moment in her life when she smells something linked to that memory, journeys to Korea to discover the truth.

**American Panda**
by Gloria Chao
Struggling with guilt stemming from her parents' cultural expectations about her future, a 17-year-old Taiwanese-American college freshman hides the truth about her germ phobia and her crush on a Japanese classmate before reconnecting with her brother, who is estranged from the family for dating the wrong woman.

**We Are Not Free**
by Traci Chee
Growing up together in the community of Japantown, San Francisco, four second-generation Japanese American teens find their bond tested by widespread discrimination and the mass incarcerations of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

**The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali**
by Sabina Khan
Hoping to hide her authentic self from her conservative Muslim parents until she can depart for college, 17-year-old Rukhsana is caught kissing her girlfriend and whisked away to Bangladesh, where she fights an arranged marriage by consulting her grandmother's diary.

**Yolk**
by Mary H. K. Choi
Estranged over disagreements about their respective life choices, a straitlaced older sister and a flaky younger sister test the limits of what they are willing to do for each other, including swapping identities, when one is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

**While You Were Dreaming**
by Alisha Rai
When a video of her rescuing her crush James goes viral, Sonia?—?or, rather a mysterious masked savior?—?is thrust into the spotlight and must protect her secret identity from TikTok and the world while dealing with her feelings for this awkwardly charming boy.

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Cafe Con Lychee
by Emery Lee
Theo and Gabriel have always been at odds. Their parents own rival businesses, and Gabi has cost their soccer team too many games to count. When a new fusion cafe threatens both shops, Theo and Gabi realize they can only achieve their goals by working together to win back their customers. But can they put aside their differences long enough to save their parents' shops or will the new feelings between them boil over?

Patron Saints of Nothing
by Randy Ribay
Setting aside his college ambitions when he learns that his cousin has been murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, a high school senior travels to the Philippines to uncover the truth, and the part he may have played in it. By the author of After the Shot Drops.

She Is a Haunting
by Trang Thanh Tran
Staying in Vietnam at the house her estranged father is restoring, Jade, plagued by sleep paralysis, bugs and a ghostly apparition, must expose the evil lurking in its walls before dark forces consume them all.

Her Radiant Curse
by Elizabeth Lim
When her beautiful 17-year-old sister Vanna is to be auctioned off in a vulgar betrothal contest, Channi, who is cursed with a serpent's face, defends Vanna from the cruelest of suitors, unleashing an evil that could sever their bond forever.

The Dos and Donuts of Love
by Adiba Jaigirdar
Competing on a televised baking competition in the hope of bringing much-needed attention to her parents' beloved donut shop, Shireen Malik finds things heating up when her fellow contestants include her ex-girlfriend and her new crush, as well as a saboteur.

A Pho Love Story
by Loan Le
Avoiding each other most of their lives because of a mysterious rivalry, two Vietnamese-American teens from competing pho restaurants fall in love by chance while uncovering the reason behind their families' generations-old feud.

This Place is Still Beautiful
by XiXi Tian
Victims of a hate crime, the estranged Flanagan sisters reunite in their small Midwestern town, where tensions are running high, and navigate an unexpected summer during which an explosive secret threatens to tear them apart forever.

Queen of the Tiles
by Hanna Alkaf
When her late best friend's formerly inactive Instagram starts posting again during the Scrabble competition, with cryptic messages suggesting that her death was no accident, Najwa Bakri, surrounded by suspects, must find out who's behind these mysterious posts.

Beating Heart Baby
by Lio Min
Settling into a new life in L.A., Santi finds his fragile relationship with his trans band leader Suwa threatened by an impossible truth that forces them both to reckon with their dreams, their pasts and their futures—together or apart.

Foul Lady Fortune
by Chloe Gong
As a series of murders cause unrest in Shanghai, Rosalind, aka Fortune, must team up with a spy—who has his own agenda—and attempt to unravel a conspiracy that is more horrifying than they could have ever imagined.