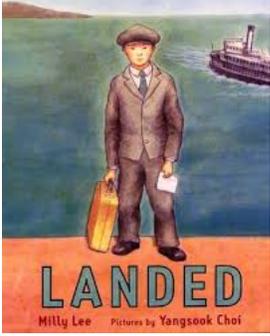
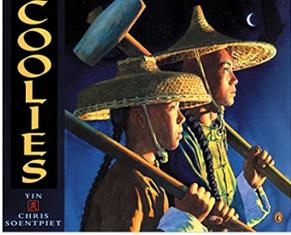
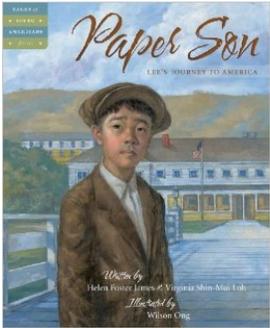
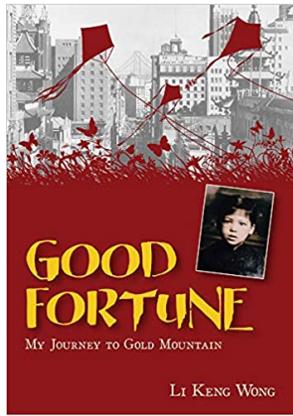


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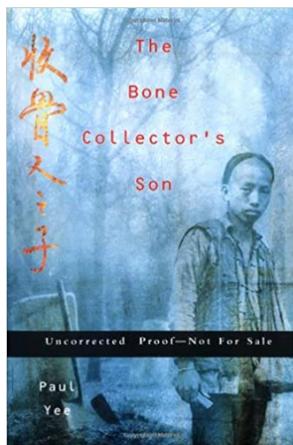
**Summary:** This collection highlights books which feature the history of Chinese Americans across North America. Many of these books highlight immigration stories and important places or moments, such as the Angel Island Immigration Station, the building of the transcontinental railroad, and the creation of "paper sons" in response to the Chinese Exclusion Act.

 <p><b>LANDED</b> Milly Lee Pictures by Yangsook Choi</p>	<p><i>Landed</i> by Milly Lee &amp; Yangsook Choi</p> <p>Based on a family story, this picturebook narrates 12-year-old Sun's journey from China to San Francisco, including a harrowing detention at Angel Island Immigration station.</p>
 <p><b>COOLIES</b> YIN &amp; CHRIS SOENTPIET</p>	<p><i>Coolies</i> by Yin &amp; Chris Soentpiet</p> <p>The story of two brothers working in dangerous conditions on the Central Pacific Railroad.</p>
 <p><b>PAPER SON</b> THE INSPIRING STORY OF TYRUS WONG, IMMIGRANT AND ARTIST JULIE LEUNG &amp; CHRIS SASAKI</p>	<p><i>Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist</i> by Julie Leung &amp; Chris Sasaki</p> <p>This story is based on the life of Tyrus Wong, an artist best known for his animation work on Disney's "Bambi".</p>
 <p><b>Paper Son</b> LEE'S JOURNEY TO AMERICA Written by Helen Foster James &amp; Virginia Shin-Mui Loh Illustrated by Wilson Ong</p>	<p><i>Paper Son: Lee's Journey to America</i> by Helen Foster James &amp; Virginia Shin-Mui Loh.</p> <p>After the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Sun prepares to travel to America. Will the grueling interrogations at Angel Island Immigration Station prevent him from joining his father and three brothers?</p>



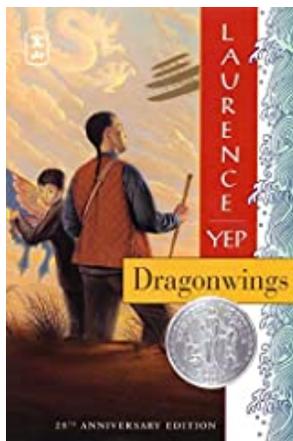
*Good fortune: My journey to Gold Mountain* by Li Keng Wong

The true life story of Li Keng, who came to California as a young child in 1933. Her memoir includes accounts of Angel Island, life during the Great Depression, and how she and her family made a home and life for themselves.



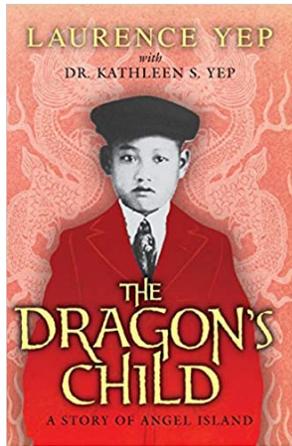
*The Bone Collector's Song* by Paul Yee

Set in 1907 Vancouver, this book is part mystery, part ghost story and part history. 14-year old Bing-wing Chan works alongside his father, digging up the bones of Chinese immigrants to be sent home for burial, and finds one skeleton missing its head.



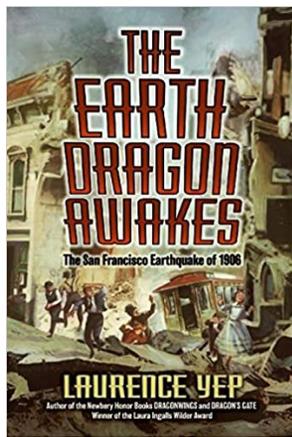
*Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep

This historical fantasy is loosely based on the story of Fung Joe Guey (also known as Feng Ru), an early Chinese-American aviator and inventor. In the novel, an 8 year-old boy, Moon Shadow, leaves China to join his kite-maker father in San Francisco, and dreams of creating a flying machine.



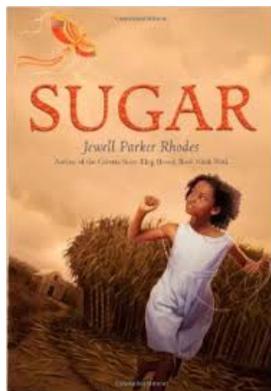
*Dragon's Child* by Laurence Yep and Dr. Kathleen Yep

Based on the family history of Newbery award-winning author Laurence Yep, this is the story of ten-year-old Gim Lew Yep 's journey from China to the U.S. with his father.



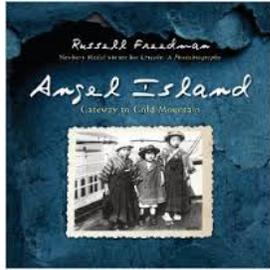
*The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906* by Laurence Yep

Eight-year-old Henry and nine-year-old Chin survive San Francisco's catastrophic 1906 earthquake.



*Sugar*, Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Even after Emancipation, 10-year-old Sugar's life on a plantation feels constricted. This story of friendship between Sugar and newly arrived Chinese workers was inspired in part by Lucy Cohen's book, *Chinese in the Post Civil War South: A People Without a History*.



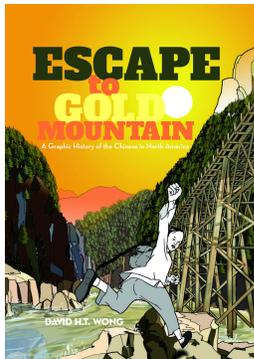
*Angel Island* by Russell Freedman

A nonfiction account of Angel Island Immigration Station, this book uses primary source documents, like archival photos and poems written on the walls by detainees, to teach about Angel Island Immigration station. Sometimes called “The Ellis Island of the West”, Angel Island was the primary port of entry on the Pacific coast from 1910 to 1940, and the place where most Chinese immigrants to the West Coast passed through.



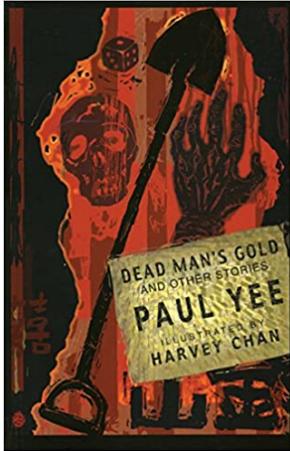
*Li on Angel Island* by Veda Bybee & Andrea Rossetto

This book tells the story of Li and her family as they go through the immigration station at Angel Island in 1921.



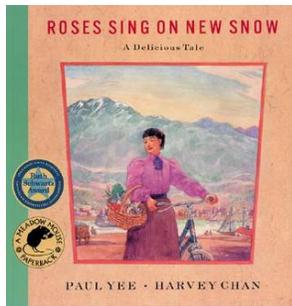
*Escape to Gold Mountain: A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America* by D.H.T. Wong

A graphic novel telling a multigenerational immigration story over 150 years, from China to Hawai'i to Vancouver.



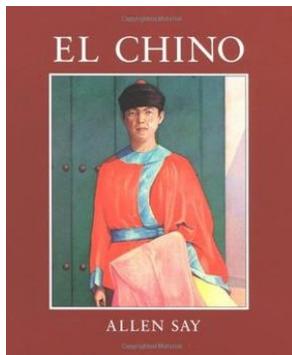
*Dead Man's Gold* by Paul Yee

*Dead Man's Gold* is an award-winning collection of original ghost stories, drawing both on the Chinese narrative tradition of ghost stories and on the real histories and contexts of Chinese immigrants to the west coast of North America. The stories span both China and North America, from the 1850s to the 1960s, and highlights similarities in Chinese migration histories across the U.S.-Canada border.



*Roses Sing on New Snow* by Paul Yee & Harvey Chan

In this picturebook set in an unnamed Chinatown in North America, Maylin cooks delicious food for her family's restaurant, but her lazy brothers take the credit.



*El Chino* by Allen Say

This is the true story of Arizona-born Bong Way "Billy" Wong, who fell in love with bullfighting and became the first Chinese-American bullfighter. Although more recent history than most of the books in this set (he becomes a bullfighter as an adult in the 1950s), it stands out as a rare example of a children's book highlighting Chinese-American history in the Southwest.

**Videos:**

Learn more about Tyrus Wong

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/30/movies/tyrus-wong-dies-bambi-disney.html>

*Paper Son* Read-Aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWb-y22KQR0>

Angel Island: A Story of Chinese Immigration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMVzI4xpPp4>

*Landed* Read-Aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJHVSfhOf84>

Interview w/ author Laurence Yep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqhhA9fu4gM>

Documentary on the history of Chinese railroad workers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttuDlv3bST4>

*Coolies* Read-Aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bT7NQbul07w>

*Roses Sing on New Snow* (animated short)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbIpPDfQD3s>

Documentary on Billy Wong

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0cCctn\\_E2w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0cCctn_E2w)

Interview w/ author Jewell Parker Rhoades

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-luC8OGqpk>

Book trailer of *Sugar* by Jewell Parker Rhoades

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8xeer0-AOA>

Interview w/author Li Keng Wong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SylnvGhkJTM>

Videos about Chinese railroad workers

<https://chsa.org/exhibits/collections/videos-work-of-giants-chinese-railroad-worker-project/>

### **Additional Resources:**

Article about Feng Ru's flying machine

<https://www.airspacemag.com/history-of-flight/the-father-of-chinese-aviation-7979767/>

Photos of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake

<https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2016/04/photos-of-the-1906-san-francisco-earthquake/477750/>

Podcast on railroad worker history:

[https://odl.kqed.org/anon.kqed/radio/forum/2015/07/20150727bforum.mp3?listeningSessionID=5fd45ddf091ab54f\\_12656585\\_N6rPs9H3\\_00000002IWH](https://odl.kqed.org/anon.kqed/radio/forum/2015/07/20150727bforum.mp3?listeningSessionID=5fd45ddf091ab54f_12656585_N6rPs9H3_00000002IWH)

Books and articles for adults:

<https://web.stanford.edu/group/chineserailroad/cgi-bin/website/researchmaterials/>

Federal archives related to Chinese American History

<https://www.archives.gov/research/chinese-americans>

Teaching Resources related to the Chinese Exclusion Act

<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/chinese-exclusion.html>

Tucson's Chinese history

<https://sandychan.net/>

Chinese Historical Society of America

<https://chsa.org/exhibits/chineseamerican/>

Academic book on Chinese immigration in the Borderlands

<https://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=9775>

**Additional titles:**

Partridge, E. (2001). *Oranges on Golden Mountain*. Dutton Juvenile.

Yep, L. (2000). *Staking a Claim, The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner*. Scholastic.