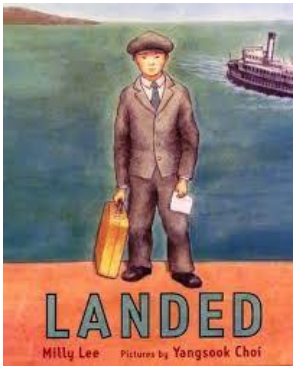
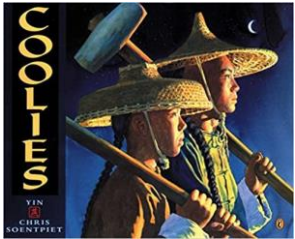

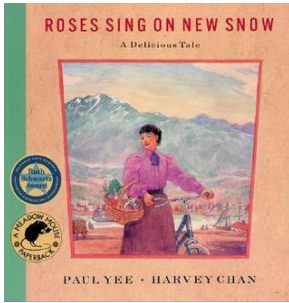


## Text Set 4: Chinese Immigration

**Overview:** This text set conveys the many hardships experienced by Chinese immigrants to North America. In the late 1800s/early 1900s, Chinese immigrants arrived at Angel Island Immigration Center in California, with many coming to work on the transcontinental railroad. They faced tremendous prejudice, leading to the Chinese Exclusion Act, and separation from their families but overcame these odds to establish productive lives.

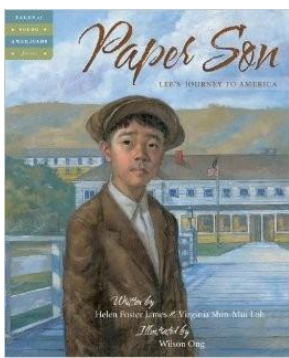
Picturebooks & Graphic Novels	
	<p><b><i>Landed</i></b></p> <p>By: Milly Lee. Illus. Yangsook Choi.</p> <p>Based on a family story, this picturebook narrates 12-year-old Sun's journey from China to San Francisco, including a harrowing detention at Angel Island Immigration station.</p>
	<p><b><i>Coolies</i></b></p> <p>By: Yin. Illus. Chris Soenpiet</p> <p>The story of two brothers working in dangerous conditions on the Central Pacific Railroad.</p>
	<p><b><i>Paper Son, Tyrus Wong</i></b></p> <p>By: Julie Leung</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>



***Roses Sing on New Snow***

By: Paul Yee. Illus Harvey Chan

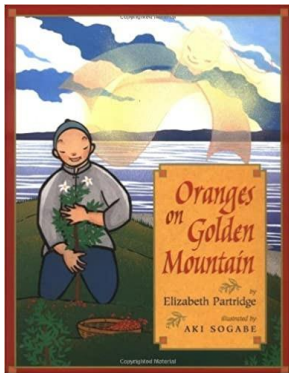
In this picturebook set in an unnamed Chinatown in North America, Maylin cooks delicious food for her family's restaurant, but her lazy brothers take the credit.



***Paper Son: Lee's Journey to America***

By: Helen Foster James & Virginia Shin-Mui Loh. Illus. Wilson Ong.

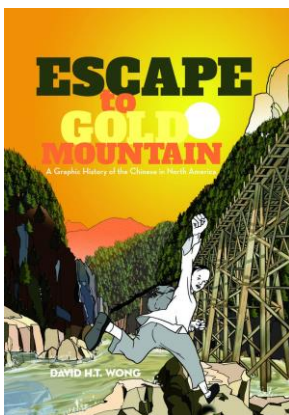
"Paper son" Lee prepares for and journeys through a difficult interrogation at Angel Island Immigration Station.



***Oranges on Golden Mountain***

by Elizabeth Partridge Illus. Ari Sogabe.

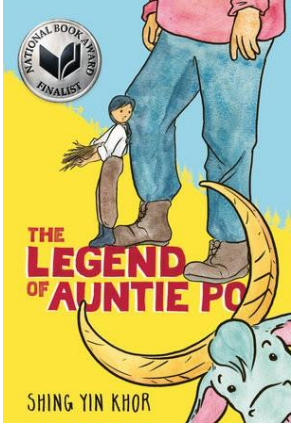
Jo Lee's leaves famine in China behind and travels to "Golden Mountain," where he adjusts to a new life in California and saves to reunite his family

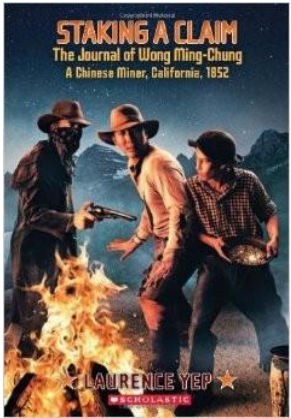
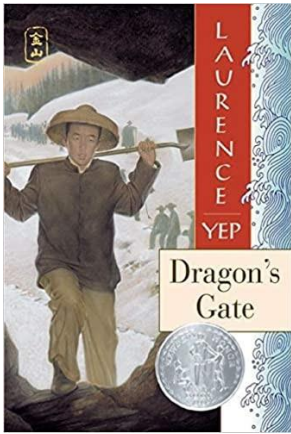


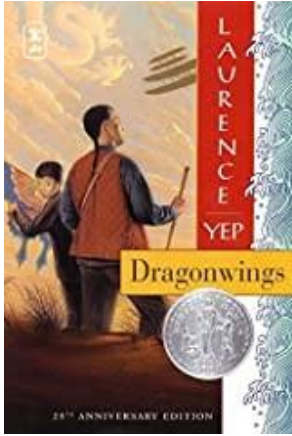
***Escape to Gold Mountain: A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America***

by David .H.T. Wong

A graphic novel telling a multigenerational immigration story over 10 years, from China to Hawai'i to Vancouver.

	<p><b><i>The Legend of Auntie Po</i></b></p> <p>by Shing Yin Khor</p> <p>A graphic novel retelling of the Paul Bunyan myth, featuring thirteen-year-old Mei, working in a logging camp in 1885.</p>

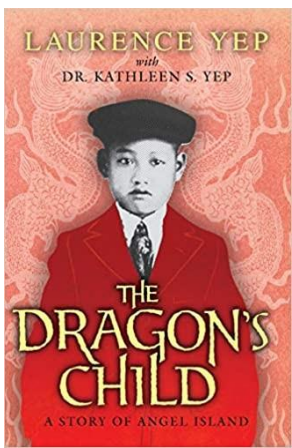
Novels	
	<p><b><i>Staking a Claim: The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung, A Chinese Miner, California, 1852</i></b></p> <p>by Laurence Yep</p> <p>This story of a Chinese miner during the California gold rush highlights the hardships of the era, and the ingenuity of Wong Ming-Chung.</p>
	<p><b><i>Dragon's Gate</i></b></p> <p>By: Laurence Yep</p> <p>This historical fiction book chronicle's the work of Otter as he helps build the transcontinental railroad.</p>



***Newbery Honor Book Dragonwings***

by Laurence Yep

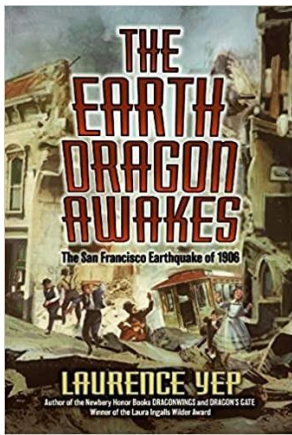
This historical fantasy is loosely based on the story of Fung Joe Guey (also known as Feng Ru), an early Chinese-American aviator and inventor. In the novel, an 8 year-old boy, Moon Shadow, leaves China to join his kite-maker father in San Francisco, and dream of creating a flying machine.



***Dragon's Child***

By Laurence Yep

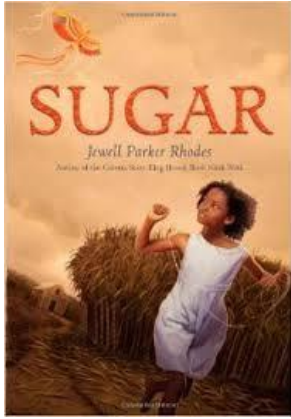
Based on the family history of Newbery award-winning author Laurence Yep, this is the story of 8-year-old Gim Lew Yep's journey from China to the U.S. with his father.



***The Earth Dragon Awakes***

by Laurence Yep

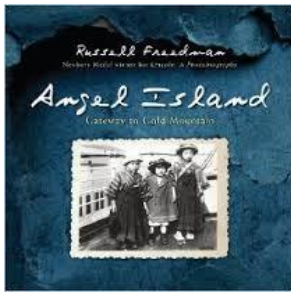
Based on the true story of 1906 San Francisco earthquake, this book tells the story of the destructive quake from the perspective of two young friends.



***Sugar***

by: Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Sugar works in the sugarcane fields, trying to find ways to make her own fun. The arrival of a group of Chinese workers frightens the other workers but intrigues Sugar, who brings both groups together to share their customs and traditions.



***Angel Island***

By: Russell Freeman

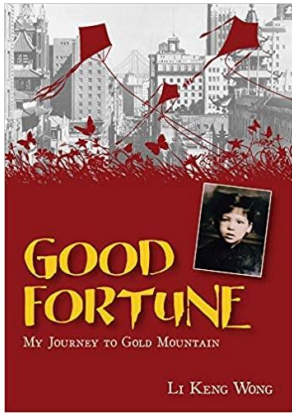
Includes narrative as well as many primary sources about Angel Island and the immigration station located there in the early 1900s.  
(Nonfiction)



***Li on Angel Island***

By: Veeda Bybee. Illus. Andrea Rossetto.

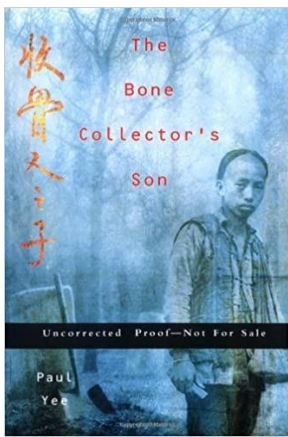
This book tells the story of Li and her family as they go through the immigration station at Angel Island in 1921.



***Good Fortune***

by: Li Keng Wong

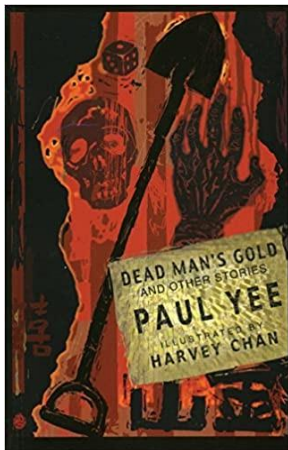
In this memoir, Li Keng Wong recounts the story of her family’s migration from rural China to California, which began when she was 7. Her memoir recounts the challenges of travel, her family’s encounters with strict anti-Chinese immigration laws, and the looming threat of deportation.



***The Bone Collector's Son***

By: Paul Yee

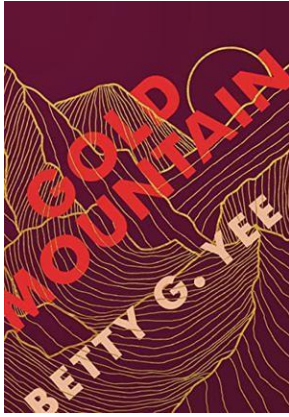
In 1907 Chinatown, Bing's father digs up bones to send back to China for proper burial, but when a skull goes missing, bad luck follows, and Bing suspects a ghost is to blame. Trying to escape his stern father, Bing takes a job as a houseboy for a famous white boxer, only to find the boxer’s house is haunted too.



***Dead Man's Gold***

by Paul Yee

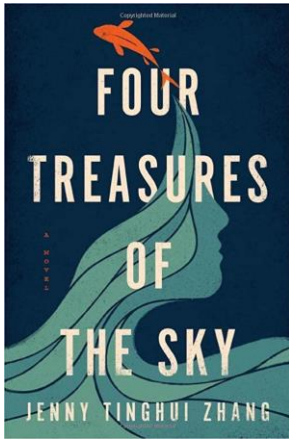
Paul Yee’s stories blend history with the popular Chinese tradition of ghost stories. This collection includes ten original ghost stories, and spans 140 years of Chinese immigration to North America.



### ***Gold Mountain***

by Betty Yee

In 1867, 15-year-old Tam Ling Fan, disguised as a boy, joins the construction of the transcontinental railroad to support her family after losing her twin brother. She faces the physical dangers, mental stress, and temptations that come with the grueling work of building the railroad.



### ***Four Treasures of the Sky***

by Jenny Tinghui Zhang

Kidnapped from China and brought to America, Daiyu must reinvent herself to survive, moving from a calligraphy school to a brothel, and finally to a remote shop in Idaho. As anti-Chinese violence spreads, she draws on each identity she's assumed to reclaim her name and story.

## **Multimedia**

Podcast on railroad worker history:

[https://od1.kqed.org/anon.kqed/radio/forum/2015/07/20150727bforum.mp3?listeningSessionID=5fd45ddf091ab54f\\_12656585\\_N6rPs9H3\\_00000002IWH](https://od1.kqed.org/anon.kqed/radio/forum/2015/07/20150727bforum.mp3?listeningSessionID=5fd45ddf091ab54f_12656585_N6rPs9H3_00000002IWH)

Additional info on Chinese history in Tucson:

- Sandy Chan's ["The History of Tucson's Chinese Community"](#) (includes timelines)
- [Tucson Chinese Cultural Center \(TCCC\) History Program](#)
- [TCCC YouTube Channel](#)
- [TCCC Chinese Grocery Stores Symposium Panel](#) ("The vanishing Chinese grocery store")
- ["Excavating Tucson's Chinese American Past: From South China Villages to a Southwest Pueblo"](#), presentation by Dr. Laura W. Ng

## **Books and Articles for adults**

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

**Videos on Chinese Immigrants**

<https://chsa.org/virtual-exhibits/>