



## YOUTH DEPARTMENT BOOK LIST

### Multicultural Books for Young Adults

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#### **American Eyes: New Asian American Short Stories**      Youth 808.3 American

Ten young Asian-Americans re-create the conflicts that all young people feel living in two distinct worlds.

**Banerjee**      **Maya Running**      Youth Fiction Banerjee

It's 1978, and Indian-born Maya is the only middle schooler with brown skin in her small Manitoba town. A bully taunts her, Maya's ultra-Indian cousin Pinky attracts Maya's boyfriend, and Maya's embarrassing parents want to move to California!

**Cisneros**      **The House on Mango Street**      Youth Fiction Cisneros

The house is in the center of a crowded Latino neighborhood in Chicago, a city where many of the poor areas are racially segregated. Esperanza does not have any privacy, and she resolves that she will someday leave Mango Street and have a house all her own.

#### **Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States**

Youth 811.08 Cool

Topics for poems extend from hot dogs to learning English to the revolution in Nicaragua. What all of the selections have in common is the adolescent experience and Hispanic culture at the core of the poem.

**Crew**      **Children of the River**      Youth Fiction Crew // Youth PB C

Sundara flees Cambodia with her aunt's family, leaving her own family behind. Now she's in Oregon, struggling to balance Khmer traditions with American ways. She's not allowed to date or even be alone with a boy; her marriage will be arranged. Jonathan is astounded that a girl in America can live like this. In the end, he's deeply affected by Sundara's values and traditions.

**Dharmi**      **Bindi Babes**      Youth Fiction Dharmi

They've got a reputation at school for being the coolest babes in town, and what they don't need is an interfering Auntie-ji from India cramping their style. Also read [Bollywood Babes](#).

**Gilmore**      **A Group of One**      Youth Fiction Gilmore

An Indo-Canadian girl discovers that both cultures are an important part of her identity.

**Hidier**      **Born Confused**      Youth Fiction Hidier

Dimple Rohitbhai Lala comes of age and discovers unexpected true love, and her place in the world, in the context of the South Asian club and music scene in New York City.

**Lee**      **F is for Fabuloso**      Youth Fiction Lee

Seventh grader Jin-Ha, a Korean American, finds her adjustment to life in America complicated by her mother's difficulty in learning to speak English.

**Lee**      **Necessary Roughness**      Youth Fiction Lee // Youth PB L

