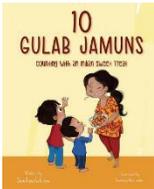
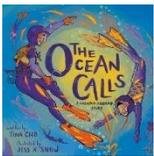




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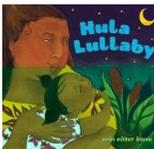
Acharya, Sandhya. [10 Gulab Jamuns: Counting with an Indian Sweet Treat](#). J-Easy
Mamma make 10 traditional sweet treats from India. They're supposed to be for guests, but they're too tempting for Idu and Adu to resist. Mamma helps the children count down the sweet treats, but what will happen when there's none left?



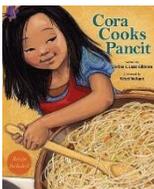
Cho, Tina. [The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story](#). J-Easy
Dayeon admires the haenyeo like her Grandma, free divers off the coast of Jeju Island in Korea. She wants to be a "treasure-hunting mermaid" too but, with Grandma's help, she must first work up the courage to leave the shore and explore the sea.



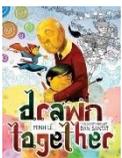
Guidroz, Rukhsanna. [Mina vs. the Monsoon](#). J-Easy
All Mina wants to do is play soccer outside, so when the monsoons force her inside her home in eastern India, she tries all kinds of things to send the rain away. While indoors, she discovers her mother shares her love for the game and determines to find a way for them both to enjoy it together. Includes a glossary of Urdu and Hindi words used.



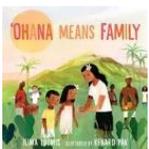
Kono, Erin Eitter. [Hulu Lullaby](#). J-Easy
A young child is lulled to sleep by the rhythm and sway of the hula. Rich illustrations evoke the sights and sounds of a peaceful Hawaiian evening.



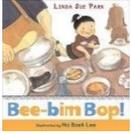
Lazo Gilmore, Dorina K. [Cora Cooks Pancit](#). J-Easy
When Cora's older siblings are gone for the day, she gets to help her mother cook a traditional Filipino dish and do all the "grown-up jobs" usually done by the big kids. But when it's time for the family to sit down and eat, Cora worries if everyone will like her pancit.



Le, Minh. [Drawn Together](#). J-Easy
When the cultural differences between a boy and his Thai-speaking grandfather seem insurmountable, they find common language through their shared love of art. Working together, they tell a fantastical story and overcome the barriers between them.



Loomis, Ilima. ['Ohana Means Family](#). J-Easy
This cumulative tale follows the traditional process of making the Hawaiian dish poi and serving it at a family luau. A rich celebration of Hawaiian culture and traditions passed down through 'ohana.



Park, Linda Sue. [Bee-Bim Bop!](#) J-Easy

Using a fun rhyme with a catchy refrain, this cheerfully illustrated story follows a young girl as she helps her mother create a Korean dish from shopping to finally getting to enjoy this family-favorite meal. Includes a recipe for making Bee-Bim Bop with a grown-up.



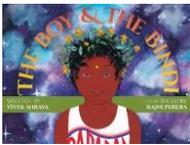
Phi, Bao. [My Footprints.](#) J-Easy

Bothered by bullies at school, a Vietnamese American girl uses her imagination to process her feelings by pretending to make different animal footprints in the snow. Supported and encouraged by her mothers, she creates her own favorite animal, a fantastical creature who is “always kind to everyone else.”



Phumiruk, Dow. [Mela and the Elephant.](#) J-Easy

While exploring the Ping River near her home in Thailand, Mela becomes lost. Several animals demand rewards in exchange for help they then fail to deliver until an elephant teaches Mela about the importance of kindness. Includes a note about Thai customs.



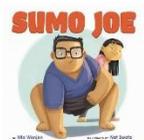
Shraya, Vivek. [The Boy & The Bindi.](#) J-Easy

Fascinated by the colorful bindi on his mother’s forehead, the narrator asks why she wears a dot and asks for one for himself. Ammi explains that it’s not a dot, but a bindi, and shares how wearing one reminds her of her family and her culture. Finding it also connects him to his Hindu heritage, the boy decides to wear his bindi everywhere.



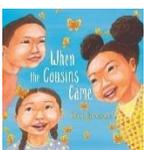
Uegaki, Chieri. [Ojiichan's Gift.](#) J-Easy

Every summer, Mayumi visits her Ojiichan (grandfather) in Japan where they work on the rock garden he made for her. When Ojiichan must move away from his house and his garden, Mayumi figures out a special gift to help them both.



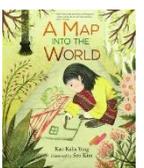
Wenjen, Mia. [Sumo Joe.](#) J-Easy

Sumo Joe teaches his friends the rituals and techniques of the Japanese tradition of sumo wrestling. When his little sister Aikido Jo wants to battle, who will win? Includes a glossary of terms used.



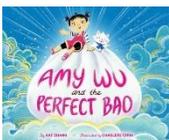
Yamasaki, Katie. [When the Cousins Came.](#) J-Easy

Lila can’t wait for her cousins Rosie and Takeo to visit from the city. But when they arrive, she can’t help but be a little jealous of the different ways they do things and becomes a little insecure. Can the cousins find a way to express their appreciation for each other before the visit ends?



Yang ,Kao Kalia. [A Map into the World.](#) J-Easy

At her new home, Paj Ntaub helps her grandmother hang their traditional Hmong story cloth on the wall and tend the garden, and she meets her elderly neighbors who sit on their special bench across the street. As the year brings changes to both households the child finds a way to share her appreciation for the world with her grieving neighbor.



Zhang, Kat. [Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao.](#) J-Easy

This year, Amy is determined to make the perfect bao (traditional Chinese stuffed bun) like the rest of her family, but she keeps messing up in different ways and it takes the entire day! Will Amy succeed, or will she give up? Includes a bao recipe to try at home.