



2021 NCTA Freeman Book Awards

East and Southeast Asian Titles for Young Readers

Children's Literature



The Floating Field
by Scott Riley, Illustrated by Nguyen Quang and Kim Lien (Millbrook Press)
Non-Fiction | Set in Thailand



Saving Sorya Chang and the Sun Bear
by Trang Nguyen and Jeet Zdung, Illustrated by Jeet Zdung (Dial Books)
Fiction Based on a True Story | Set in Vietnam

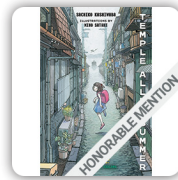


The Star Festival
by Moni Ritchie Hadley, Illustrated by Mizuho Fujisawa (Albert Whitman)
Fiction | Set in Japan

Young Adult / Middle School Literature



Finding Junie Kim
by Ellen Oh (HarperCollins)
Fiction | Set in Korea and America



Temple Alley Summer
by Sachiko Kashiwaba, Illustrated by Miho Satake, Translated by Avery Fischer Udagawa (Yonder)
Fiction | Set in Japan

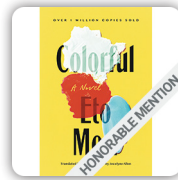


While I Was Away
by Waka T. Brown (Quill Tree Books)
Fiction | Set in Japan and America

Young Adult / High School Literature



Tsunami Girl
by Julian Sedgwick and Chie Kutsuwada (Guppy Books)
Fiction | Set in Japan and America



Colorful
by Eto Mori, Translated by Jocelyne Allen (Counterpoint Press)
Fiction | Set in Japan



Freedom Swimmer
by Wai Chim (Scholastic)
Fiction | Set in China

Young Adult / High School Literature Graphic



The Waiting
by Keum Suk Gendry-Kim, Translated by Janet Hong (Drawn and Quarterly)
Fiction | Set in Korea



The Minamata Story
by Sean Michael Wilson, Illustrated by Akiko Shimojima (Stone Bridge Press)
Non-Fiction | Set in Japan

2021 "Of Note Titles"

- The Forest of Stolen Girls** by June Hur, (Feiwel & Friends) | YA High School
- How Do You Live?** by Genzaburō Yoshino, Translated by Bruno Navasky (Algonquin) | YA Middle School
- Soul Lanterns** by Shaw Kuzki, (Yearling) | YA Middle School

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