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)
Non-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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