



## 2023-2024 NCTA PRE-APPROVED MINI-GRANT SETS

The “Pre-Approved Mini-Grant Set” is one of the options you may choose for your Mini-Grant. This option allows you to select one grade-level appropriate “Pre-approved” set of items that Pitt NCTA has already identified as being useful for educators. For more about this option (or if you would like to customize your own list of materials for your Mini-Grant), please read the NCTA Mini-Grant Information Sheet available at: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/ncta/minigrants.html>

Here is a listing of the materials contained in each of the grade-appropriates “Pre-Approved” sets:

### SET A: FOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

**Culture Notes and Curriculum Connections are being written to assist you in teaching the Freeman Award books. Check for updates at: <http://nctasia.org>**

Book/Korea: *Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea* by Sungju Lee (2017 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$17.00]

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

Date: 2017

ISBN-10: 1419727613

Book/Korea: *Banned Book Club* by Kim Hyun Sook and Ryan Estrada (2020 Freeman Book Award of Note) [\$15.00]

Publisher: Iron Circus Comics

Date: 2020

ISBN-10: 194582042X

[Curriculum Connections available at: <https://www.nctasia.org/award/banned-book-club/>]

Book/Taiwan: *The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily X.R. Pan (2018 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$7.69]

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Date: 2019 (paperback)

ISBN-10: 0316464015

[Curriculum Connections and Culture Notes available at: <https://www.nctasia.org/award/the-astonishing-color-of-after/>]

Book/China: *When China Ruled the Seas: the Treasure Fleet of the Dragon Throne, 1405-1433* by Louise Levathes [\$19.95 paperback edition]

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Date: 1997 (paperback; revised edition)

ISBN-10: 0195112075

Book/China: *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie [\$9.49]

Publisher: Anchor Books

Date: 2002

ISBN-10: 0385722206

Book/Japan: *GO: A Coming of Age Novel* by Kazuki Kaneshiro (2018 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$10.95]

Publisher: Amazon Crossing

Date: 2018

ISBN-10: 1542046181

[Resources for use with this book located on our website:

<https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/ncta/teaching-go-book-discussion-and-workshop-resources>]

[Curriculum Connections and Culture Notes available at:

<https://www.nctasia.org/award/go-a-coming-of-age-novel/>]

Documentary/Japan: *Day of the Western Sunrise* by Daliboka Films and Pittsburgh director Keith Remink. Comes with Toolkit written by NCTA alums. [\$40.00]

<http://daliborkafilms.com>

## **SET B: FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL**

**Culture Notes and Curriculum Connections are being written to assist you in teaching the Freeman Award books. Check for updates at: <http://nctasia.org>**

Book/Japan: *The Night Parade* by Kathryn Tanguary (2017 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$9.50]

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, reprint edition

Date: 2017

ISBN-10: 149262327X

Book/Japan: *Grenade* by Alan Gratz (2018 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$9.99]

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Date: 2019

ISBN-10: 1407194178

Book/Japan: *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata (2019 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$13.55]

Publisher: Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books; Illustrated Edition (May 14, 2019)

Date: 2019

ISBN-10: 1481446649

[Culture Notes available at: <https://www.nctasia.org/award/a-place-to-belong/>]

Book/China: *Bronze and Sunflower* by Cao Wenxuan (2017 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$9.89]

Publisher: Candlewick, reprint edition

Date: 2019 edition

ISBN-10: 1536206377

[Culture Notes available at: <https://www.nctasia.org/award/bronze-and-sunflower/>]

Book/China: *The Emperor's Riddle* by Kat Zhang (2017 Freeman Book Award of Note) [\$7.99]

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, Aladdin

Date: 2018 edition

ISBN-10: 148147863X

Book/China: *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-li Jiang [\$9.99]

Publisher: HarperCollins; Reprint Edition (January 30, 2018)

Date: 2018 edition

ISBN-10: 9780064462082

Book/Korea: *When My Name was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park [\$8.99]

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers, Reprint edition

Date: 2012

ISBN-10: 0547722397

Book/Korea: *Brother's Keeper* by Julie Lee (2020 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$8.99]

Publisher: Holiday House

Date: 2022 edition; originally 2020

ISBN-10: 0823444201

Book/Korea: *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park [\$6.99]

Publisher: Clarion Books, reprint 2011

Date: 2011

ISBN-10: 0547534264

Book/Vietnam: *Too Young to Escape* by Van Ho and Marsha Skrypuch (2018 Freeman Book Award Honorable Mention) [\$16.99 used]

Publisher: Pajama Press

Date: 2018

ISBN-10: 1772780669

**SET C: FOR ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE LEVEL**

**Culture Notes and Curriculum Connections are being written to assist you in teaching the Freeman Award books. Check for updates at: <http://nctasia.org>**

Book/Japan: *The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden* by Heather Smith (2019 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$21.95]

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Date: 2019

ISBN-10: 1459821033

Culture Notes and Curriculum Connections available at:

<https://www.nctasia.org/award/the-phone-booth-in-mr-hirotas-garden/>

Book/Japan: *A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story* by Caren Stelson (2020 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$14.03]

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Date: 2020

ISBN-10: 154152148X

Curriculum Connections available at: <https://www.nctasia.org/award/a-bowl-of-peace-a-true-story/>

Book/China: *Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean: Remembering Chinese Scientist Pu Zhelong's Work for Sustainable Farming* by Sigrid Schmalzer (2018 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$9.35]

Publisher: Tilbury House Nature Books

Date: 2018

ISBN-10: 0884484041

Curriculum Connection Notes available at: <https://www.nctasia.org/award/moth-and-wasp-soil-and-ocean/>

Book/China: *The Little White Duck: A Childhood in China* by Na Liu and Andrés Vera Martínez [\$11.99]

Publisher: Graphic Universe; Illustrated Edition 2012

Date: 2012

ISBN-10: 0761381155

Book/Inner Mongolia; *The Moose of Ewenki* by Gerelchimeg Blackcrane (2019 Freeman Book Award Honorable Mention) [\$18.35]

Publisher: Greystone Books

Date: 2019

ISBN-10: 1771645385

Book/Korea: *The Turtle Ship* by Helena Ku Rhee (2018 Freeman Book Award Winner) [\$15.80]

Publisher: Shen Books & Supplies

Date: 2018

ISBN-10: 1885008902

Book/Korea: *When Spring Comes to the DMZ* by Uk-Bae Lee (2019 Freeman Book Award Honorable Mention) [\$11.39]

Publisher: Plough Publishing House

Date: 2019

ISBN-10: 0874869722