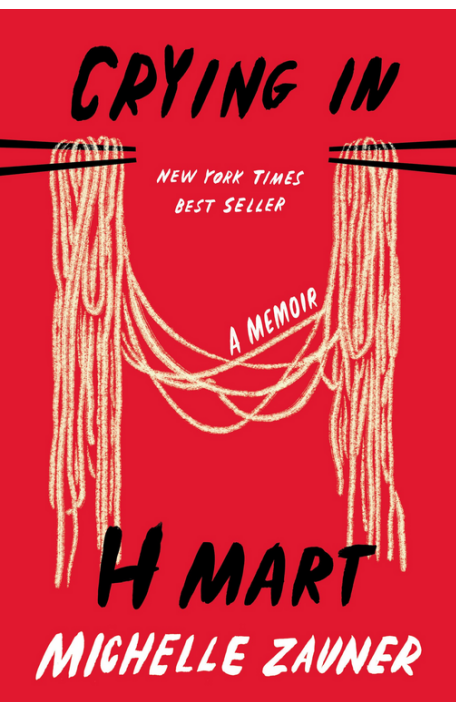


Book List May 2022

***May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!
The titles below celebrate AAPI experiences, histories,
contributions, and stories. You will find these, and other titles
by AAPI authors at the Waterbury Public Library!***

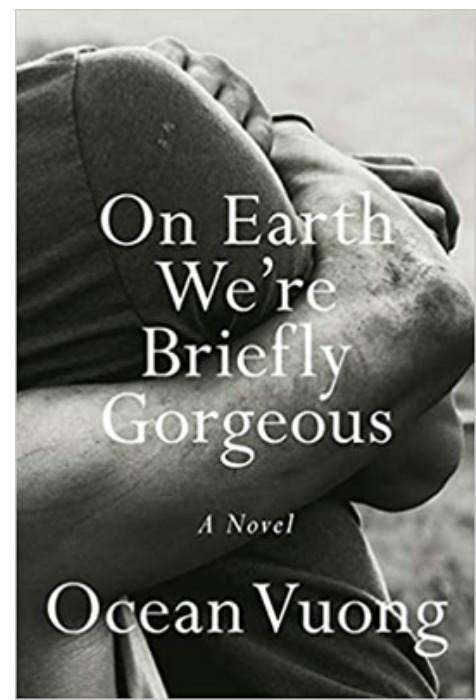


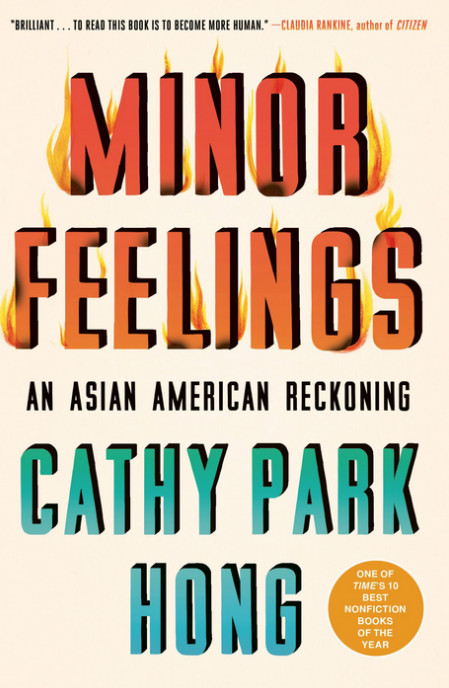
Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner

This incredibly written memoir explores loss, and the meaning that heritage, food, and relationships can bring to our lives. Michelle Zauner's raw honesty in narrating the experiences of her mother's cancer diagnosis makes for a tender read that is both inspiring and heart-wrenching.

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

In this epistolary novel, Little Dog writes to his mother who cannot read. *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is a haunting reflection on life and family. Each sentence is crafted with a tender, open, and brokenheartedness, that will leave the reader feeling both raw and renewed.





Minor Feelings

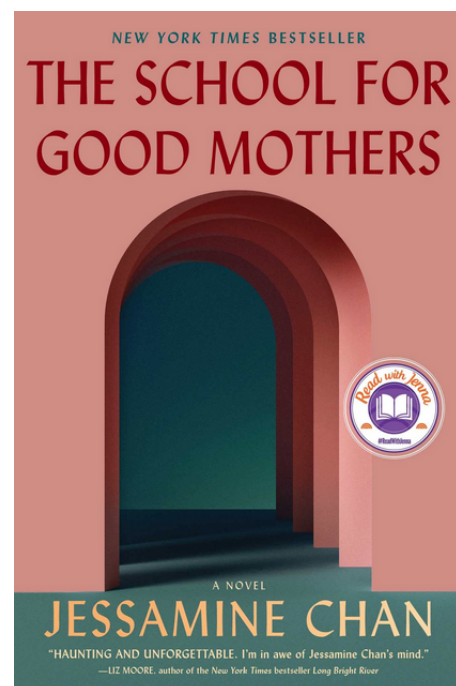
by Cathy Park Hong

In this book of essays, poet Cathy Park Hong shares her experiences as a Korean American woman. She addresses and criticizes what she refers to as the "racialized consciousness of America." Part memoir, part social and cultural criticism, Hong has made her nonfiction debut with an intentional and fearless voice.

The School for Good Mothers

by Jessamine Chan

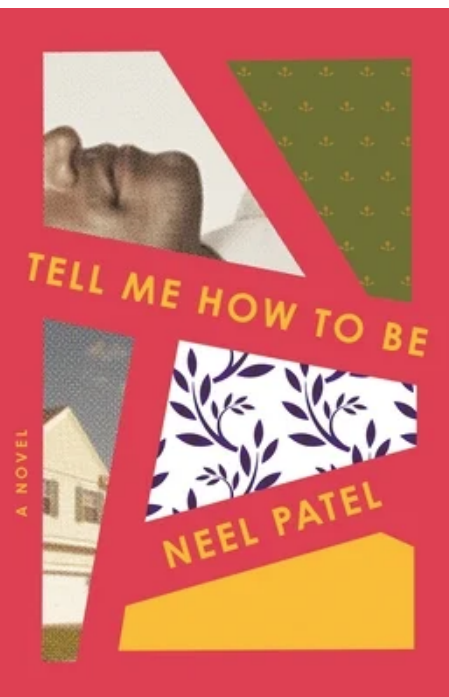
In this dystopian debut, Chan places the societal pressures on parents, particularly mothers, under a magnifying glass. When the main character is forced into a reform school for mothers, readers are left to question our collective, and perhaps unfair, judgements and expectations on parenthood.

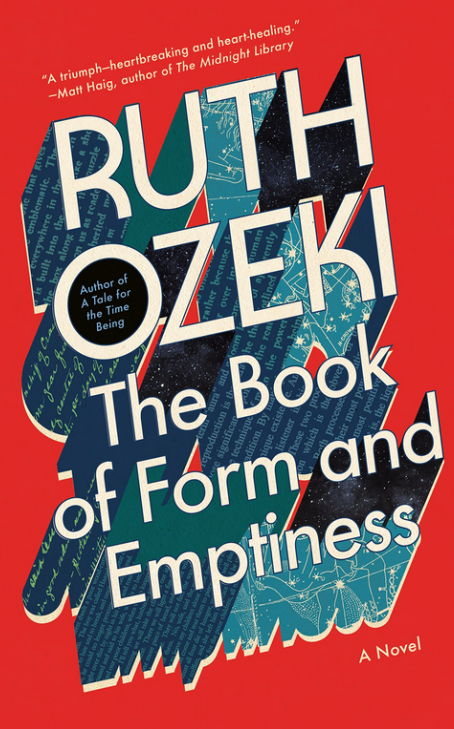


Tell Me How to Be

by Neel Patel

This debut novel tells the story of going home to a place weighed with both physical and emotional baggage. Mother and son run parallel as characters struggling with similar personal issues, and the inability to be vulnerable with each other. Both must decide if they prefer to linger in the past or create lives in the future.





The Book of Form and Emptiness

by Ruth Ozeki

After a man's tragic death, a mother grieves by hoarding objects, and a son begins to hear voices from random things (books, shoes, windowpanes, etc.). In this magical realist story, Ozeki explores age old themes with a contemporary voice, questioning how our relationships to others as well as things impact our world and lives.

The Magic Fish

by Trung Le Nguyen

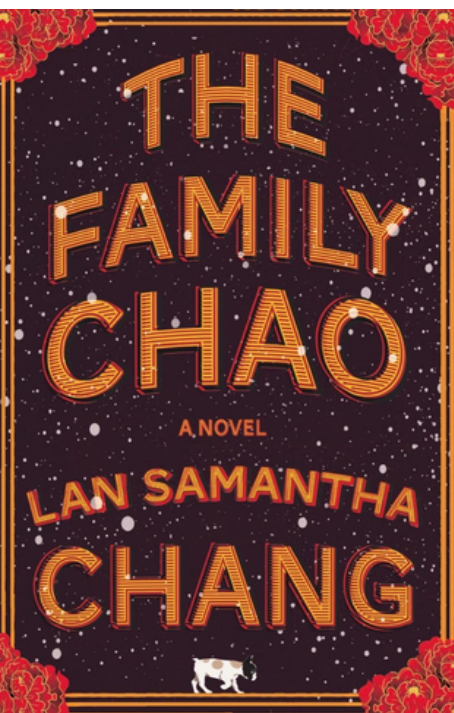
The Magic Fish is a multilayered graphic novel that traverses visual, cultural, and emotional human experiences and storytelling. We live through Tiến Phong, a young first generation Vietnamese boy who is discovering his first love, a boy he has been friends with for years, while navigating grief and identity.



The Family Chao

by Lan Samantha Chang

À la "The Brothers Karamazov," this novel is part murder mystery, part court drama, and part family saga. The scene is set in a Chinese-American family owned restaurant in a town that holds little regard for their humanity. When the family's patriarch is found murdered, chaos and rumors abound.





Yolk

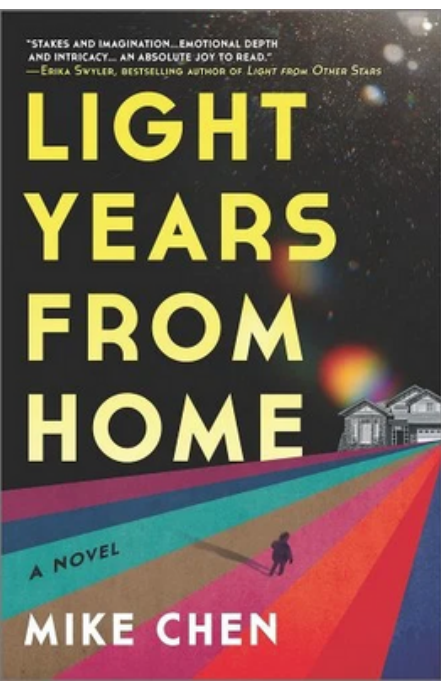
by Mary H.K. Choi

Family first, right? Maybe not at first for estranged sisters Jayne and June Baek. Jayne is a fashion school student struggling to pay the rent in her unsanitary NYC apartment. June is the "Golden Child" working in the financial district and living in an NYC high rise. Deeply emotional and raw, *Yolk* explores the lengths two sisters will go to save each other's lives.

Monstress, Vol. 1 : Awakening

by Marjorie M. Liu

This graphic novel takes you to an alternate world: a matriarchal society set in 1900s Asia. While navigating life amidst the fallout of war, our main character discovers a link between herself and a powerful, yet mysterious monster. Beautifully illustrated, and for fans of Steampunk and Art Deco.



Light Years From Home

by Mike Chen

Family issues can be complicated enough; add in an alien abduction, and you get Mike Chen's newest sci-fi family drama. When an intergalactic space war threatens the world of two estranged sisters, amends must be made in order to help save their once-missing brother and perhaps all of humanity?