

Books by Asian American Authors

THE LEAVERS BY LISA KAO - *The Leavers* tells the story of Polly, an undocumented Chinese immigrant who disappears, leaving her 11-year-old son Deming all alone. He is eventually adopted by a white couple and is left to wonder where his place is in the world.

THE SYMPATHIZER BY VIET THANH NGUYEN'S debut novel. *The Sympathizer*, the unnamed narrator is a South Vietnamese military aid working as a spy for the communist North Vietnamese. Born to a French father and Vietnamese mother, this unnamed spy was educated in America, but returned to his home country to fight for the communist cause. After the Fall of Saigon, he is among the refugees sent to the United States and tries to start a new life there, but quickly is recruited back to spy on his fellow comrades.

PACHINKO BY MIN JIN LEE - *Pachinko* is a historical novel that follows four generations of a Korean family that migrates to Japan, following a large ensemble of characters who must deal with the legal and social discrimination they face as immigrants.

FALLING LEAVES: THE MEMOIR OF AN UNWANTED CHINESE DAUGHTER BY ADELINE YEN MAH Considered unlucky by her family after her mother dies giving birth to her, Adeline Yen Mah tells her Cinderella story in *Falling Leaves*. Her father remarries a beautiful yet cruel woman. Yen Mah and her siblings are mistreated, but Yen Mah takes the brunt of the cruelty. Determined to get away, Yen Mah works hard to be an exceptional student and is eventually allowed to study medicine in England. She later finds success and happiness in the United States, but must return to China after the death of her father and deal with her wicked stepmother once again.

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