**Asian American Studies Research Guide: Asian American Feature Films**

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American Pastime // T&C Pictures; Shadowcatcher Entertainment; Rosy Bushes Productions present; produced by Tom Gorai, Terry Spazek, Barry Rosenbush; screenplay by Desmond Nakano & Tony Kayden; directed by Desmond Nakano. Burbank, CA: Warner Home Video, c2007. 1 DVD videodisc (106 min.) PN1995.9.B28 A64 2007 VideoDVD: Set against the Japanese-American internment camps during WWII, Japanese-American families, now faced with a country that doubts their loyalty, turned to baseball as a way to handle their plight and find the strength to stand up for themselves. Based on true events, also tells the story of a minor-leaguer and guard at the Topaz Internment Camp who, amidst all the conflict, is hoping for one last shot at the Major Leagues.

Asian Stories // presented by Cinema Epoch and MultiVisionnaire; a Chris Chin & Ron Oda film; directed & written by Ron Oda; created and directed by Kris Chin. [Los Angeles, CA]: Cinema Epoch c2007 [2006]. 1 DVD videodisc (98 min.): sd., col.; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.M27 A85 2007 VideoDVD: Jim is a young, closefisted Chinese American living in LA who desperately finds himself with a stack of disposable cameras, invitations, champagne bottles, and a ten-thousand dollar engagement ring bill. The only thing missing is a bride. In financial debt and miserable from having his fiancé leave two weeks prior to Valentine's day, Jim asks his best friend, a Japanese hitman, to kill him. With less than four days to live, Jim treks to the mountains to find his fate. Along the way, he encounters a pizza delivery boy with lucky charms, searches for the funeral spot of his choice and meets a girl.


The Best of Slant, Vol. One // [Houston, Tex.]: Aurora Video; [San Francisco, Calif.]: Microcinema International [distributor], [2007]. 1 DVD videodisc (61 min.): sd., col. and b&w; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.A77 B47 2007 VideoDVD: Each year, the Aurora Picture Show hosts Slant, a festival of short films by leading Asian-American filmmakers. This collection features eight of the festival's best films, as chosen by curator Melissa Hung, from its 2000 inception. Selections include "Profiles in Science" by Wes Kim, "Lilo and Me" by Kip Fulbeck, "How to Do the Asian Squat" by Daniel Ha, "I Pie (A Love Story)" by Nobu Adilman and "A Little Bit Different" by Lynn Okimura.


Big Dreams little Tokyo // Echo Bridge Home Entertainment; produced by Duane Andersen, Megan Boyle; written and directed by Dave Boyle; Brainwave Film Group; Tiger Industry Films; Left Coast Digital. [La Crosse, Wis.]: Echo Bridge Home Entertainment, 2008. 1 DVD videodisc (86 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in. ROVI Movie Collection: Boyd aspires to succeed in the world of Japanese business but finds himself mostly on the outside looking in. Meanwhile, his roommate Jerome, is a Japanese American who has always felt too American to be Japanese but too Japanese to be American. He aspires to be a sumo wrestler but finds his weight and blood pressure are thwarting his dreams. Together they struggle to find their place in a world where cultural identity is seldom what it seems.

Big Trouble in Little China // written by Gary Goldman and David Z. Weinstein; produced by Larry J. Franco; directed by John Carpenter; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation. Livonia, Mich.: CBS/Fox Video, c1986. 1 videodisc (LaserVision CLV) (99 min.) PN1995.9.A3 B543 1986 Video (12 inch) disc: Taking them through a shadowy world filled with supernatural creatures and spectacular action, regular guy Jack Burton (Kurt Russell) and Gracie Law (Kim Cattrall) try to track down a 2,000-year-old magician, Lo Pan (James Hong), who has kidnapped Burton's friend's green-eyed fiancee.

Boston Blackie's Chinese Venture // Columbia Pictures presents; produced by Dwayne and his sister are Vietnamese siblings who were adopted by an African-American couple. Now in their mid-20s, they both have chosen different paths, but when they learn that their biological mother is coming to Los Angeles, they eagerly await the reunion. This drama is both funny and moving as an intersection of cultural differences through the shared interests of friendship, loyalty, pride, and family. Cast: Doug Grizzard, Morgan Freeman, and Chie Shinohara.

Broken Blossoms, or, The Yellow Man and The Girl // adapted from a story by Thomas Burke; under the personal direction of D.W. Griffith. Narbeth, PA: Alpha Video, [2005]. 1 DVD videodisc (75 min.): sd., b&w; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.75 .B86 2005 VideoDVD (Also available as part of the ROVI Movie Collection and as streaming video from Alexander Street Press): Set in the Limehouse district of London, this is the story of Lucy, a 15-year-old living with her abusive prizefighter father, Battling Burrows. Driven from her home, she finds love and protection in the home of a gentle Chinese man. Together they begin to discover the joys that life has denied both of them. Then Lucy's father finds her, brutally beats her protector, takes her back home, and, in his rage, kills her. The grief stricken Chinese man avenges Lucy's death and then takes his own life. Originally released as a motion picture in 1919. Cast: Lillian Gish, Richard Barhlemess, Donald Crisp, Arthur Howard.

Featured Films, C-F

Catfish in Black Bean Sauce (2001) // produced, written, and directed by Chi Muoi Lo. [S.I.]: First Look Media Home Entertainment, c2001. 1 DVD videodisc (119 mins.): 4 3/4 in. PN1999.9.F35 C38 2001 VideoDVD: Dwayne and his sister are Vietnamese siblings who were adopted by an African-American couple. Now in their mid-20s, they both have chosen different paths, but when they learn that their biological mother is coming to Los Angeles, they eagerly await the reunion. This drama is both funny and moving as an intersection of cultural differences through the shared interests of friendship, loyalty, pride, and family. Cast: Doug Grizzard, Morgan Freeman, and Chie Shinohara.

Charlotte Sometimes / Visionbox Pictures produce a Visionbox Pictures production ; producers, Marc Ambose, Eric Byler ; story, Eric Byler, Jeff Liu ; writer/director, Eric Byler. New York, NY : Hart Sharp Video, c2002. 1 DVD videodisc (85 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.M27 C523 2002 VideoDVD : Soft-spoken Michael (Michael Imdoto) is secretly in love with next-door neighbor Lori (Eugenia Yang), who's committed to boyfriend Justin (Matt Westmore). Unbeknownst to Justin, Michael and Lori develop an intimate -- though sexless -- friendship, and Lori encourages Michael to find a girlfriend. But when he does, jealousies erupt with the other couple, threatening relationships all around.

China Dolls / Film Australia ; writer/director Tony Ayres ; producer Helen Bowden. New York, NY : Filmmakers Library, [1999?] 1 DVD videodisc (28 min.) : sd., col. with b&w sequences ; 4 3/4 in. HQ762.8.A8 C55 1999 VideoDVD : This stylish and moving portrayal of gays of Asian descent in America explores the relationship between race and sexuality. ... probes the uncomfortable reality of racial stereotyping and discrimination in the gay world through interviews with Asian men who talk frankly, and often humorously, of their experiences living within a double minority. The filmmaker himself tells a highly personal story of his journey from denial to self acceptance. "Hey Its us about Australia but may be of interest.

Chinatown After Dark (1931) / [presented by] Ralph M. Like ; Action Pictures, Inc. Narbath, PA. : Alpha Video Distributors, Inc., [ca. 1931]. 1 DVD videodisc (55 min.) : sd., b&w ; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.D4 C474 2005 VideoDVD : Chinatown After Dark is where you'll find Madame Ying Su (Carmel Myers), a "dragon lady" type who'll stop at nothing to get her hands on a rare dagger belonging to the Royal House of Lee Fong. Unbeknownst to the authorities, the dagger contains a priceless jewel, the owner of which will be able to wield untold power over all of Chinatown. American Jim Bonner (Rex Lease), in love with Lee Fong's ward Lotsa (Vera Reynolds), is set up as the fall guy when the dagger is stolen and a man is murdered. Bonner spends the rest of the picture trying to prove his innocence to a sneezing comic-relief detective (Billy Gilbert), in one of his first important feature-length roles. "See what happens in the underworld dens after dark!" enthreated the ads for this fast-moving cheapie.


Come See the Paradise (1991) / 20th Century Fox ; produced by Robert F. Colesberry ; written and directed by Robert Parker. Beverly Hills, Calif. : Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2006, c1990. 1 DVD videodisc (ca. 133 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.M27 C64 2006 VideoDVD : One of the few American films to deal with the tragic story of the internment of Asian-Americans during World War II, Come See the Paradise opens in the late 1930s, as Jack McGurn (Dennis Quaid) is working as a union organizer in New York City. Jack finds himself on the wrong side of the law after he gets involved in an ill-advised bombing of a scab shop, and he flees to Los Angeles, where Hiroshi Kawamura (Sab Shimono) gives him a job as a projectionist in L.A.'s Little Tokyo. Jack soon meets Hiroshi's beautiful daughter Lily (Tamlyn Tomita) and it's love at first sight. Jack and Lily decide to get married, but Hiroshi opposes the match and California law prevents mixed-race couples from obtaining a marriage license. Jack and Lily move to Seattle, where they are wed and have a daughter. Jack, however, begins working with the union again, which puts a strain on their marriage; Lily takes their child and returns to Los Angeles. But before long the United States enters World War II, and the Kawamura family is sent (along with all other Americans of Japanese descent living in California) to an internment camp.

Crash (2005) / Lions Gate Films and Bob Yari Productions & DEJ Productions present a Blackfriar's Bridge and Harris Company production ; an Apolloscreen production ; a Bull's Eye Entertainment production ; a film by Paul Haggis ; produced by Cathy Schulman ... [et al.] ; story by Paul Haggis ; screenplay by Paul Haggis & Bobby Moresco ; directed by Paul Haggis. Santa Monica, Calif. : Lions Gate Entertainment, 2004. 1 DVD (122 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in. PN1997.C7374 2004 VideoDVD : Movie studios, by and large, avoid controversial subjects like race the way you might avoid a hive of angry bees. So it's remarkable that Crash even got made; that it's a rich, intelligent, and moving exploration of the interlocking lives of a dozen Los Angeles residents -- black, white, latino, Asian, and Persian -- is downright amazing. A politically nervous district attorney (Brendan Fraser) and his high-strung wife (Sandra Bullock, biting into a welcome change of pace from Miss Congeniality) get car-jacked by an oddally similar pair of young black men (Larenz Tate and Chris "Ludacris" Bridges); a rich black T.V. director (Terrence Howard) and his wife (Thandie Newton) get pulled over by a white racist cop (Matt Dillon) and his reluctant partner (Ryan Phillipe); a detective (Don Cheadle) and his Latina partner and lover (Jennifer Esposito) investigate a white cop who shot a black cop--these are only three of the interlocking stories that reach up and down class lines. Writer/director Paul Haggis (who wrote the screenplay for Million Dollar Baby) spins every character in unpredictable directions, refusing to let anyone sentence into a stereotype. The cast--ranging from the famous names above to lesser-known but just as capable actors like Michael Pena (Buffalo Soldiers) and Loretta Devine (Woman Thou Art Loosed)--meets the strong script head-on, delivering galvanizing performances in short vignettes, brief glimpses that build with gut-wrenching force. This sort of multi-character mosaic is hard to pull off; Crash rivals such classics as Nightfall and Short Cuts. A knockout.

Crimson Kimona (1959), one of the films available on The Samuel Fuller Collection. Culver City, Calif. : Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, c2009. 7 videodiscs (ca. 529 min.) : sd., b&w ; 4 3/4 in. PN1997.A1 S26 2009 VideoDVD VideoDVD 1-7 : Two detective partners, one Caucasian and one Japanese, seek a stripper's killer in the Japanese quarter of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, trouble arises when along the way, when both of them fall in love with the key witness!

The Debut / 5 Card Productions and Celestial Pictures in association with National Asian American Telecommunications Association, GMA Network Films; written by Gene Cajayon & John Manal Castro ; produced by Lisa Onodera ; directed by Gene Cajayon. Culver City, Calif. : Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment, 2003, c2000. 1 DVD (ca. 88 min.) : sd. ; 4 3/4 in. PN1997.2.D43 2003 VideoDVD : Ben is from a Filipino-American family who is soon to graduate from high school. Currently, most of his family is preoccupied with an elaborate coming-out party being thrown for Ben's sister Rose. Ben isn't too thrilled about having to attend, so he invites his best friends Rick and Doug. To their surprise, Rick and Doug find themselves having a great time getting a glimpse of Filipino culture, and Ben meets a pretty girl named Annabelle. Cast : DanTE Basco, Tirso Cruz III, Eddie Garcia.

Dim Sum : A Little Bit of Heart / a film by Wayne Wang. [Port Washington, NY] : Koch Lorber Films, [2006]. 1 DVD videodisc (87 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.F67 D56 2006 VideoDVD : Set in San Francisco's Chinese community, director Wayne Wang's low-key comedy chronicles the changing relationship between widowed Mrs. Tam (Kim Chew) and her single, 30-year-old daughter, Geraldine (Laureen Chew). Believing she won't live to see another birthday, Mrs. Tam would like Geraldine -- who still lives at home -- to tie the knot soon. Is she reluctant to wed out of concern for her aging mother, or is it an aversion to tradition? Cast : Laureen Chew, Kim Chew, Victor Wong, Joan Chen...
Feature Films, G-R

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**Harold and Kumar** (Also available as part of the ROVI Movie Collection) : A WW2 drama with Lt. Michael Grayson, a bigoted Texan, assigned to train and lead the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. A squad of loyal Japanese-Americans who had to battle prejudice as well as the Axis enemy.

**Journey from the Heart** / WINN Entertainment and CACC Investments presents ; producers, Cindy Sison & Frank Gargani ; written and directed by VV Dachin Hsu. Chicago, Ill. : Distributed by Questar. [2005] 1 DVD videodisc (140 min.) : sound, color ; 4 3/4 in. [ROVI Movie Collection]

Little Boy: believe the impossible
Open Road Films presents: a Metanoia Films production; produced by Leo Severino, Eduardo Verástegui, Alejandro Monteverde; written by Alejandro Monteverde & Pepe Portillo; directed by Alejandro Monteverde. Universal City, CA: Universal Studios Home Entertainment, [2015] 1 DVD videodisc (107 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.F42 LS8 2015 Videodvd: The film centers around Pepper Flynt Busbee (Jakob Salvati) growing up in O'Hare California during World War II. Pepper is short and seeks his nickname "Little Boy" replacing "midget." When his brother London (David Henrie) was rejected for service, dad (Michael Rapaport) who is Pepper's only friend, goes instead. When loyal Japanese are released from internment, Hashimoto (Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa) shows up in town befriended by a local priest (Tom Wilkinson). Dad is believed to be either dead or a POW in Japan. Pepper displays his disdain for "the Jap" in front of Father Oliver who tailors him a personal penance of good deeds. One of his deeds is to make friends with Hashimoto, the "face of the enemy."

Manslaughter and the Cheat

Mississippi Masala
in association with Odyssey/Cinecom International and Film Four International; a Mirabai Films Production, in association with MovieWorks and Black River Productions; produced by Michael Nozik, Mira Nair; directed by Mira Nair; written by Sooni Taraporevala. [Burbank, Calif.]: Columbia TriStar Home Video, [2003] 1 DVD videodisc (approximately 118 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.R23 M577 2003 Videodvd: Also available as part of the ROVi Movie Collection. In this exotic and erotic interlaced love story, an African American businessman falls for a beautiful Indian immigrant, only to encounter shock and outrage from both families. Want more info? Try Movie Review Query Engine.

The Joy Luck Club
written and directed by Wayne Wang. [Hollywood, Calif.]: Hollywood Pictures; screenplay by Ronald Bass & Amy Tan; produced by Wayne Wang ... [et al.]; directed by Wayne Wang. [Hollywood, Calif.]: [Hollywood Pictures]. PN1995.9.C55 M6845 2007 Videodvd: The film centers around the lives of four Chinese American women who come to the United States at the turn of the century to escape poverty and persecution in China. They are the "joy luck club" - a name for their club of4 women who meet regularly to share news and support. As they grow older, they become more isolated from each other, and their daughters must decide whether to follow in their mothers' footsteps or forge their own paths.

Only the Brave
Indican Pictures presents a Mission From Buddha Productions; written, produced & directed by Lane Nishikawa. San Diego, CA: Indican Pictures, [2009] 1 DVD videodisc (approximately 100 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in. ROVi Movie Collection: Inspired by the historic rescue of the Texan "lost battalion" by the all-Japanese-American 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team who endured heavy casualties, this film captures the tragedies and sacrifices of these courageous Americans, who had to overcome great prejudice and injustice to themselves and their families.

Phantom of Chinatown
Monogram Pictures Corporation; Monarch Film Corporation; directed by Phil Rosen; original story by Ralph Bettinson; producer, Paul Malvern; screenplay by Joseph West. Narberth, PA: Alpha Video, [2003] 1 DVD videodisc (62 min.): sd., b&w; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.D4 C4743 2003 Videodvd: In the last of Monogram's "Mr. Wong" whodunits, Keye Luke takes over from Boris Karloff as the Chinese detective Jimmy Lee Wong, more of an amateur sleuth, really, than his eminent predecessor. The subject for Wong's examination is the poisoning of Dr. Benton (Charles F. Miller), the leader of an expedition to Mongolia and the possessor of a mysterious and seemingly deadly scroll. With Captain Street (Grant Withers) and the dead man's Chinese secretary (Lotus Long<) alternately aiding and obstructing the investigation, Mulan's adventures lead to a climatic battle atop the Imperial Palace, where her family's honor and the fate of the Emperor and all of China rests in her hands. ... Special features: deleted scenes; songs of "Mulan"; new and original music videos; "Discovering "Mulan"—Embark on a behind-the-scenes adventures with the filmmakers; early presentation reels; DisneyPedia: "Mulan's world"—explore the fascinating world of ancient China with your host, Mushu; "Mulan" fun facts; audio commentary; storyboards to film comparisons. Want to listen in Mandarin Chinese?

The Namesake
Indican Pictures, Lane Nishikawa; written and directed by Lane Nishikawa. Portland, OR: Lane Nishikawa, [2009] 1 DVD videodisc (79 min.): sd., col. 4 3/4 in. ROVi Movie Collection: Follows the story of four lifelong friends, whose lives are filled with joy and heartbreak, and shows how their experiences have affected the hopes and dreams they hold for each of their children. Cast: Tsai Chin, Kieu Chinh, Lisa Lu, France Nuyen, Rosalind Chao, Lauren Tom, Tamlyn Tomita, Ming-Na Wen, Michael Paul Chan, Andrew McCarthy, Christopher Rich, Russell Wong, Vivian Wuu.

The Phantom of Chinatown
in association with Thousand Cranes Filmworks; produced by Lisa Onodera; directed by Kayo Hatta; screenplay by Kayo Hatta and Mari Hatta. Burbank, Calif.: Miramax Home Entertainment; Distributed by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, [2004] 1 DVD videodisc (95 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in. ROVi Movie Collection: Also available as part of the ROVi Movie Collection: Follows the story of four lifelong friends, whose lives are filled with joy and heartbreak, and shows how their experiences have affected the hopes and dreams they hold for each of their children. Cast: Tsai Chin, Kieu Chinh, Lisa Lu, France Nuyen, Rosalind Chao, Lauren Tom, Tamlyn Tomita, Ming-Na Wen, Michael Paul Chan, Andrew McCarthy, Christopher Rich, Russell Wong, Vivian Wuu.

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Featured Films, S-Z

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**Sake-Bomb** / Pictures Dept. presents in association with Cineasta Productions, Planbox, JOF Link, Q-Tec, Inc.; a Diver Pictures production; a Junya Sakino film; produced by Hiromitsu Sendo and Junya Sakino; directed by Junya Sakino. 1 DVD videodisc (82 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in.  
**ROVI Movie Collection**: A sarcastic and self-deprecating Asian-American must take his naïve Japanese cousin on a road trip along the California coast to find his ex-girlfriend.

**Shanghai Express** / a Paramount picture; Adolf Zukor presents; directed by Josef von Sternberg; screen play by Jules Furthman. Universal City, CA: Universal Studios Home Entertainment, [2012] 1 DVD videodisc (83 minutes): sound, black and white; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.C47 S47353 2012 VideoDVD: After being jilted by Olive Brook, Marlene Dietrich becomes known as Shanghai Lily, a notorious adventuress. During the Chinese civil war, the couple meet on a train which is attacked by Chinese rebels. Dietrich becomes involved with a rebel leader in order to save the man she still loves. Includes original theatrical trailer. Cast includes Anna May Wong, first Asian American film star. Originally released as a motion picture in 1932.

**Silencio** / a Michael Aragao film. San Francisco, CA: Center for Asian American Media, 1997. 1 Streaming Video (9 minutes) from Alexander Street Press: This short film takes place in San Francisco, 1951, focusing on the experience of a young Filipino American trying to adjust to his predominantly Caucasian workplace. It explores the subtleties of how racism affects members of a multi-ethnic family, most tellingly when a mixed-blood sibling denies his ethnic heritage and ‘passes’ as an Italian American in order to fit in.

**Slant** / see The Best of Slant.

**Snow Falling on Cedars** / Universal Pictures presents a Harry J. Ufland/Ron Bass production; a Kennedy/ Marshall production; a Scott Hicks film; produced by Kathleen Kennedy, Frank Marshall; produced by Harry J. Ufland, Ron Bass; screenplay by Ron Bass and Scott Hicks; directed by Scott Hicks. Universal City, CA: Universal Studios, [2000]. 1 DVD videodisc (approximately 128 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in.  
**ROVI Movie Collection**: When a fisherman is found drowned, suspicion falls on Japanese-American Kazou Miyamoto (Rick Yune). Local reporter Ishmael Chambers (Ethan Hawke) may hold the key to proving Miyamoto’s innocence, but there’s a problem: Chambers is also in love with Miyamoto’s wife (Youki Kudoh). The smoldering tensions of World War II ignite into open racial conflict in director Scott Hick’s powerful period drama set in the Pacific Northwest. Cast - Ethan Hawke, James Cromwell, Richard Jenkins, Youki Kudoh, James Rebhorn, Sam Shepard, Rick Yune, Max von Sydow. Also available via Netflix.


**A tale of love** / a film by Trinh T. Minh-ha and Jean-Paul Bourdier. New York, NY: Distributed by Women Make Movies, c1995. 1 VHS videocassette (108 min.): sd., col.; 1/2 in. PN1997.T238 1995 Videocassette: Portraying the Vietnamese immigrant experience through Kieu, "A tale of love" follows the quest of a woman in love with "Love". The film is loosely inspired by The tale of Kieu, the Vietnamese national poem of love which Vietnamese people see as a mythical biography of their land.


**Thousand Pieces of Gold** / American Playhouse Theatrical Films and Maverick Films International, Ltd. in association with Film Four International; TPOG, Inc.; a Greycat Films release. [Los Angeles, Calif.]: [Hemdale Home Video?], [between 2000 and 2009?]. 1 videodisc (105 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in.  
**PN1995.9.W6 T473 2000z VideoDVD**: (Also available as streaming video through Kanopy subscription): Set in the 1880s, this film chronicles the journey of Lalu (Rosalind Chao), a Chinese woman whose financially desperate family sells her as a bride. She is sent to the United States, where she is bought by barkeep Hong King (Michael Paul Chan), who plans to make money off of Lalu by forcing her into a life of prostitution. Unwilling to submit to his demands, she begins her own successful business venture and captures the attention of the troubled but kindly Charlie (Chris Cooper).

**Tikki Tikki Tembo** --and more stories to celebrate Asian heritage / Weston Wood Studios, Inc. [United States]: Scholastic; Distributed by New Video, [2011]. 1 DVD videodisc (66 min.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in.  
**ROVI Movie Collection**: Features six wonderful read-along children's stories that celebrate Asian heritage. Recommended for ages 3-10. Tikki Tikki Tembo / by Arlene Mosel; illustrated by Blair Lent -- The tale of the mandarin ducks / Katherine Paterson; illustrated by Leon and Diane Dillon -- Grandfather's journey / written and illustrated by Allen Say -- The stonecutter / written and illustrated by Gerald McDermott -- Lon Po Po / a Red Riding Hood story from China / written and illustrated by Ed Young -- Sam and lucky monkey / written by Karen Chin; illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu.

**Under one roof** / FMF presents; directed by Todd Wilson; written by David Lewis. [Philadelphia, Pa.]: TLA Releasing, 2003. 1 DVD videodisc (74 min.): sd., col.; 4 3/4 in.


Wendy Wu, Homecoming Warrior / Disney Channel ; directed by John Laing. Burbank, CA : Walt Disney Home Entertainment : Distributed by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, [2006] 1 DVD videodisc (approximately 91 min.) : sound, color ; 4 3/4 in. ROVI Movie Collection: Wendy Wu has only one thing on her mind: winning the crown as this year’s homecoming queen. But the arrival of a mysterious young Chinese monk named Shen flips her whole world upside down.

What Happened to Her? and The Strawberry Fields / the Independent Television Service and Open City Films presents a Ghost Pictures production in association with Phaedra Cinema ; produced by Jason Klot, Rea Tajiri, Hank Blumenthal ; story by Kerri Sakamoto and Rea Tajiri ; screenplay by Kerri Sakamoto ; directed by Rea Tajiri. [Los Angeles, Calif.] : Vanguard Cinema, 2005. 1 DVD videodisc (86 min.) : sound, color ; 4 3/4 in. ROVI Movie Collection: Tells the story of 16-year-old Japanese American Irene Kawai, whose rebellion explodes in the wake of the death of her younger sister. After a clash with her mother, Irene flees her home and meets up with the ghost of her sister who leads her to the desert where she makes some important discoveries about her family’s past in the internment camps during World War II.

White on Rice / Variance Films and Tiger Industry Films present ; a Brainwave/Malatova production ; produced by Duane Anderson, Dominic Fratto ; screenplay by Dave Boyle, Joel Clark ; directed by Dave Boyle. [United States] : Tiger Industry Films : Indie Blitz, 2009. 1 DVD videodisc (86 min.) : sound, color ; 4 3/4 in. ROVI Movie Collection: A dark comedy with surprising twists. Freshly divorced, Jimmy lives with his sister Aiko and her family while boldly searching for a new wife. His brother in-law Tak thinks he’s a disaster. Jimmy is immature and lacks social graces, however, he is convinced the best years of his life are just beginning. His plan seems like it’s all falling into place when Tak’s beautiful niece Ramona moves in. But once Jimmy sets his sights on stealing her from his coworker and friend, Tim, he sees his intentions go hilariously awry.

The Year of the Dragon / a presentation of Thirteen/WNET New York, Great Performances, Theater in America ; written by Frank Chin ; produced by Matthew N. Herman ; directed by Russell Treyz & Postman Paget. West Long Branch, NJ : Kultur, 2003. 1 DVD (90 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in. PS3553.H4897 Y43 2003 VideoDVD: This filmed version of a play by Frank Chin, was among the first staged salvos against the stereotype that all Asian Americans are upwardly mobile, highly educated, easily and invisibly assimilating into American culture; a benchmark for all other minorities of what can be accomplished by simple hard work. Instead, we see a Chinese American family in the United States not only being oppressed by benign American racism, but slowly and inexorably destroyed by its own inner demons: generational and cultural (Chinese vs. Chinese American vs. American) conflicting values. Although the play is anchored in San Francisco Chinatown in the 1970s, the dialogue has not aged and the energy is always at maximum. For those of you who are most familiar with George Takei as Star Trek’s helmsman Sulu, you will be amazed at his performance as an utterly frustrated man at battle with everything created for him and created by him. Essential for literature and language, drama and theater majors.

Yellow / Phaedra Cinema ; Legend Filmworks presents a Public Works Film production ; writer, director, producer, Chris Chan Lee ; producers, David Yang, Rita Yoon. [Huntington Beach, CA] : Vanguard Films, c2001. 1 DVD videodisc (90 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in. PN1995.9.C55 Y45 2000 VideoDVD: On high school graduation night, Sin, a Korean American teenager is robbed while working alone in his father's grocery store. His best friends band together to raise the money before sunrise so Sin will not have to face his stern father with the news. Cast : Michael Daeho Chung, Soon-tek Oh, Amy Hill, Emily Kuroda, Burt Bulos, John Cho, Jason J. Tobin, Angie Suh, Mia Suh, Mary Chen, Lela Lee.
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