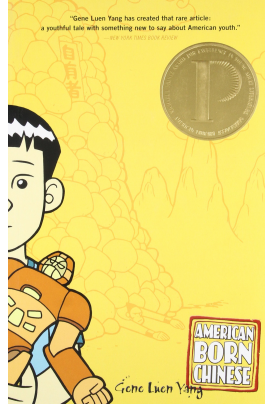


“American Born Chinese” by Gene Luen Yang



About *American Born Chinese*: Jin Wang starts at a new school where he's the only Chinese-American student. When a boy from Taiwan joins his class, Jin doesn't want to be associated with an FOB like him. Jin just wants to be an all-American boy, because he's in love with an all-American girl.

Danny is an all-American boy: great at basketball, popular with the girls. But his obnoxious Chinese cousin Chin-Kee's annual visit is such a disaster that it ruins Danny's reputation at school, leaving him with no choice but to transfer somewhere he can start all over again. The Monkey King has lived for thousands of years and mastered the arts of kung fu and the heavenly disciplines. He's ready to join the ranks of the immortal gods in heaven. But there's no place in heaven for a monkey. Each of these characters cannot help himself alone, but how can they possibly help each other? They're going to have to find a way—if they want fix the disasters their lives have become.



About The Author: Gene Luen Yang is currently serving as the Library of Congress' fifth National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. His 2006 book *American Born Chinese* was the first graphic novel to be

nominated for a National Book Award and the first to win the American Library Association's Michael L. Printz Award. It also won an



Eisner Award. His 2013 two-volume graphic novel *Boxers & Saints* was nominated for the National Book Award and won the LA Times Book Prize. Gene currently writes Dark Horse Comics' *Avatar: The Last Airbender* series and DC Comics' *Superman: Secret Coders*, his middle-grade graphic novel series with cartoonist Mike Holmes, teaches kids the basics of computer programming.

Read Aloud Tips:

- Allot time for students to absorb the content of the illustrations. Have them share their thoughts.
- This book can open up a space for students to talk about the challenges of being an immigrant in America.
- Throughout the book, have students predict what they think is going to happen next. Because three tales are woven into one, this can be powerful in helping students improve these skills.

Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevelt.edu.

