

STUDIO 5

Resource Guide

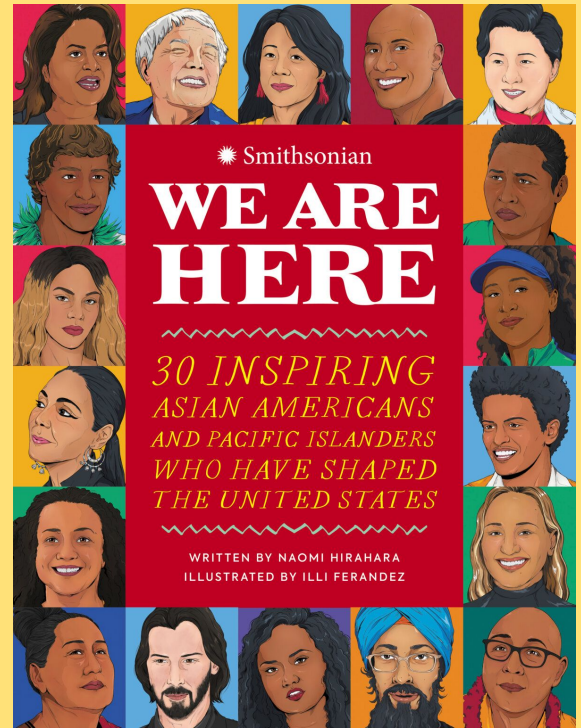
ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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STORIES OF RESILIENCE, ADVERSITY, AND JOY

Asian American and Pacific Islander history is American history. There are more than 23 million people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent living in the United States. Their stories span across generations, as well as across the world. *We Are Here* highlights thirty Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and the impact they've had on the cultural, social, and political fabric of the United States.



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REFLECTION

- How can organizations more effectively identify and nurture the potential of AAPI individuals? What strategies can be implemented to ensure that opportunities for advancement are accessible and equitable?
- Can you think of an instance where an AAPI leader inspired you or made a significant impact in your community? What qualities did they exhibit that you found particularly influential?
- What systemic or cultural barriers still exist that impede the professional progression of AAPI leaders? How can these be addressed by both communities and policy-makers?
- What changes would you like to see in the next decade that would help advance AAPI leaders across various sectors?

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The theme of this year's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, established by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council is "Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity."

This theme pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped our Asian American, Native Hawai'ian, and Pacific Islander history and continue to influence our collective future.

Innovation, resilience, and a pioneering spirit are cornerstones of American leadership. AAPI leaders have made lasting contributions to our Nation's economic prosperity, technological advancements, and social/political change through their ingenuity and creativity while navigating significant cultural and systemic barriers.



Who are the AAPI leaders in your community or organization that have inspired you, and what qualities make them influential?

RESOURCES

For even more amazing examples of celebrating Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in media, art, and other forms of storytelling, check out these additional resources. Also, be sure to support AAPI businesses and creators!



PODCASTS

[TigerBelly by Bobby Lee and Khalya Khun](#)

[Book Friends Forever by Grace Lin and Alvina Ling](#)

[Shoes Off Inside with MKT](#)

[Escape from Plan A](#)

[Add to Cart by SuChin Pak and Kulap Vilaysack](#)

[Mx. Asian American by Karen Zheng](#)

BOOKS

[Making a Scene by Constance Wu](#)

[Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American by Laura Gao](#)

[Daughter of the Moon Goddess by Sue Lynn Tan](#)

[Partners In Crime by Alisha Rai](#)

[Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country by Kelly Yang](#)



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Let's have a conversation.

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