

Anthology for Literature/Grades 6-9

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Folktales

Tales of a Korean Grandmother

Frances Carpenter, 1991 Charles E. Tuttle Company

ISBN# 0-8048-1043-5

Thirty-two of these richly imaginative Korean folktales, each an enchanting mixture of fact, fancy, and genuine folklore, are told against the background of the Kim family.

Games

Korean Games With Notes on the Corresponding Games of China and Japan

Stewart Culin, 1991 Dover Publications, Inc.

Available from Dover Publications, Inc.

ISBN# 0-486-26593-5

This work was first published in 1895 by Stewart Culin who was Curator of the Department of Ethnology at The Brooklyn Museum and an expert on games of the world. This text provides a detailed description of over 100 Korean games with historical notes and descriptions of their analogues in Chinese and Japanese cultures.

Identity

If It Hadn't Been For Yoon Jun

Marie Lee

1993 Houghton Mifflin ISBN# 0-395-62941-1

Alice Larsen is a Korean teenager adopted and raised by American parents who has trouble coming to terms with the new Korean boy, Yoon Jun, at her Junior High School.

Stella: On the Edge of Popularity

Lauren Lee

1994 Polychrome Books ISBN# 1-979965-08-9

Hoping to be accepted by a popular seventh grade clique, a Korean-American girl is embarrassed by her family's heritage until a series of events gives her a better sense of who she is.

Immigration

From the Land of Morning Calm: The Koreans in America

Ronald Takaki

1994 Chelsea House Publishers ISBN# 0-7910-2181-5

Beginning with the 1965 Immigration Act, a second wave of Koreans came to America, contributing to the making of an increasingly diverse multicultural society.

Gathering of Pearls

Sook Choi

1994 Houghton Mifflin Company ISBN# 0-395-67437-9

Sookan struggles to balance her new life as a college freshman in the United States with expectations from her family at home in Korea.

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Korean Americans, The Immigrant Experience

Brian Lehrer, 1996 Chelsea House ISBN# 0-7910-3352

This text examines the history of the immigration of Koreans to the United States and their life as Korean-Americans. Richly illustrated with photographs.

Koreans in America, The

Wayne Patterson

1977 Lerner Publications Company ISBN# 0-8225-0230-5

Surveys the immigration of Koreans to America from 1903 to the present time and identifies the contributions of individual Koreans to American life and culture.

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People and Culture of Korea

A Single Shard

Linda Sue Park

2001 Houghton Mifflin ISBN# 0-395-97827-0

The author, a first-generation Korean American, has written a book that contains fascinating information about life and art in ancient Korea. A broken piece of pottery sets events in motion as a orphan struggles to pay off his debt to a master potter. This finely crafted novel brings 12th century Korea and memorable characters to life.

Land and People of Korea, The

Sammy Solberg

1991 Harper Collins Publishers

ISBN# 0-397-32330-1

An introduction to the history, government, traditions, and way of life of the people of Korea.

South Korea in Pictures

(Visual Geography Series)

1991 Lerner Publications Company

ISBN# 0-8225-1868-6

Describes the geography, history, government, people, and economy of South Korea.

Refugees

Echoes of the White Giraffe

Sook Nyul Choi

1993 Houghton Mifflin Company

ISBN# 0-395-64721-5

Set in the 1940s in Korea, fifteen-year-old Sookan adjusts to life in a refugee village but continues to hope that the civil war will end and her family will be reunited in Seoul.

Year of Impossible Goodbyes

Sook Nyul Choi

1991 Houghton Mifflin Company

ISBN# 0-395-57419-6

A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940s and later escapes to freedom in South Korea.

World War II

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The Korean War

I am the Clay

Chaim Potok

An account written by a highly regarded author (*The Chosen*) and veteran of the Korean War. It is suitable for junior and senior high.