

FICTION

The Bonesetter's Daughter,

Amy Tan

A San Francisco writer discovers the journals of her mother's life in China, and learns some long-hidden truths about her family.

China Boy,

Gus Lee

A young, American-born child of an aristocratic Mandarin family that has fled China struggles to assimilate in 1950s San Francisco.

Daughter of Fortune,

Isabelle Allende

Young, vivacious Eliza Sommers defies her father and follows her lover from Chile to California during the Gold Rush of 1849—a danger-filled quest that becomes a momentous journey of transformation.

House of Sand and Fog,

Andre Dubus III

A former Iranian colonel yearns to restore his family's dignity by purchasing a home in the San Francisco suburbs.

The Indian Lover,

Garth Murphy

Set in California in its last days as part of Mexico, this saga follows the adventures of a young Cupa Indian and a fortune-seeking pioneer.

The Kite Runner,

Khaled Hosseini

An Afghani man finds success in California, but returns to Afghanistan years later to attempt to make amends for a tragic betrayal of his childhood friend.

The Legend of Fire Horse Warrior,

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

In Hiroshima, Japan, in 1902, a woman born under the portentous Fire Horse Sign is married by proxy into a wealthy family and sent to join her new husband in a new world: California.

The Mistress of Spices,

Chitra Banarjee Divakaruni

In this magical story, Tilo, who has been trained in the ancient art of spices, travels from India to Oakland, California, where she finds unlikely romance.

Picture Bride,

Yoshiko Uchida

Carrying a photograph of the man she is to marry but has yet to meet, young Hana Omiya arrives in San Francisco from Japan in 1917.

Tortilla Curtain,

T. C. Boyle

Two couples in Southern California—one a pair of wealthy suburbanites, the other illegal immigrants from Mexico—are set on a collision course when a freak accident throws them together.

The Village Bride of Beverly Hills,

Kavita Daswani

After an arranged marriage in her native India, Priya moves with her husband to California, where they share a house with his parents. She soon finds herself with a secret life that she must hide from her disapproving new family.

MEMOIRS

Comrades and Chicken Ranchers: the story of a California Jewish community,
Kenneth Kann
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The Eighth Promise: an American son's tribute to his Toisanese mother,
William Poy Lee
Biography

Farmworker's Daughter: growing up Mexican in America,
Guilbault, Rose Castillo
Biography

Funny in Farsi: a memoir of growing up Iranian in America,
Firoozeh Dumas
Biography

The Oracles: my Filipino grandparents in America,
Pati Navalta Poblete
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Unbound Feet: a social history of Chinese women in San Francisco,
Judy Yung
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