

## TACT RECOMMENDED READING LIST: Grades 6-7

Listed in Ascending Order of Difficulty with each Topic

### Historical Fiction

135. *Tales of Gold Mountain* – Paul Yee. Good stories of workers in late 1800s, beautifully illustrated. “Ginger for the Heart” is in many textbooks
136. *The Thing About Luck*. Cynthia Kadohata. Migrant Japanese American farm family, use with *The Circuit* about Mexican American migrant workers
137. *Inside Out and Back Again*. Thanhha Lai. Vietnam and America during the war in verse form, beautifully written. *Listen, Slowly*, a girl learns of the war experiences of her grandmother.
138. *The Clay Marble*. Minfong Ho. Intro about refugee camp is good,

### Growing Up/Families

139. *A Step From Heaven*. An Na. Korean immigrant girl adjusts to America, well written, but has chapter about child molestation, fiction
140. “Grandmother’s Song.” Nellie Wong. Grandmother’s poem about change

### Biography/Autobiography

141. *A Song for Cambodia*. Michelle Lord. Picture book about Arn Chorn-Pond who survived the Cambodian genocide and revived Cambodian music
142. *Dia’s Story Cloth: The Hmong People’s Journey of Freedom*. Dia Cha. Her family’s story in an embroidery story cloth.
143. Yoshiko Uchida memoirs: *A Jar of Dreams*, *The Best Bad Thing*, *Journey to Topaz*, *Journey Home*, *The Invisible Thread: A Memoir*. Japanese American families before, during and after relocation camp, based on the author’s life
144. Sook Nyul Choi: *The Year of Impossible Goodbyes*, *Echoes of the White Giraffe*, *A Gathering of Pearls*. Based on the author’s WWII experiences in Korea.
145. *The Lost Garden*. Laurence Yep. Chapter 2, “La Conquista” is about his family’s store in an African American community
146. *Good Fortune: My Journey to Gold Mountain*. Li Keng Wong. Angel Island experience, among others of extraordinary Oakland, CA family

147. "Mamie Tape vs. Board of Education" in *Chinese American Portraits, Personal Histories, 1828-1988*. Ruthanne Lum McCunn. The story of a family's legal fight to attend their neighborhood school in 1885. Use with *Sylvia and Aki* by Winifred Conkling, the story of a Mexican American family's court fight against segregated schools in the 1945

### Folktales/Festivals

148. *Sita's Ramayana* Samhita Arni and Moyna Chitrakar. Famous Indian tale, told from point of view of Sita who was captured
149. *Floating Lanterns and Golden Shrines: Celebrating Japanese Festivals*. Rena Krasno and Toru Sugita
150. *Kneeling Carabao and Dancing Giants: Celebrating Filipino Festivals*. Rena Krasno and Ileana C. Lee
151. *Exploring Chinatown: A Children's Guide to Chinese Culture*. Carol Stepanchuk and Leland Wong
152. *Made in China: Ideas and Inventions from Ancient China*. Suzanne Williams and Andrea Fong

### Asia

153. *Chinese Proverbs*. Ruthanne Lum McCunn, Small gem, 50 bilingual proverbs
154. *Selected Pilipino Proverbs*. Violeta A. Noriega.
155. *Tigers, Frogs, & Rice Cakes: A Book of Korean Proverbs*. Daniel Holt. 20 proverbs
156. *To Swim in Our Own Pond: A Book of Vietnamese Proverbs*. Ngoc-Dung Tran. 22 proverbs
157. *A Thousand Peaks: Poems from China..* Siyu Liu and Orel Protopopescu
158. *The Legend of Lao Tzu and the Tao Te Ching*. Demi. Taoist ideas explained
159. *The Tao of Yao: Insights from Basketball's Brightest Big Man*. Oliver Chin. Examples from Taoist ideas and Yao Ming's basketball play
160. *Spring Pearl: The Last Flower*. Laurence Yep. Orphan girl during Opium War 1850
161. *Dragons of Silk* Laurence Yep. Girl silk weavers in late 1800s.
162. *The Examination* Malcolm Bosse. Two boys face floods, thieves on way to their Imperial Examination during Ming Dynasty.