

## January 2023 Youth Book List

New Year themed books

**For Younger Readers** Pre-school through about 2nd grade

RUNAWAY WOK: A CHINESE NEW YEAR TALE by Ying Chang Compestine

BR 20017 (print/braille combo)

On Chinese New Year's Eve, Ming trades eggs for a rusted wok that sings to him. His mother is unhappy until she realizes the singing wok is magic—and brings more than enough food, toys, and coins to share with other poor families. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2011.

FREEDOM SOUP by Tami Charles

DB 97914

A family makes their traditional New Year's soup and shares the story of how Haitian independence came to be. Commercial audiobook. For grades K-3. 2019.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!: KUNG-HSI FA-TS'AI! by Yolande Bavan

DB 59021

Explains the folklore, traditions such as the zodiac, and foods that come with the celebration of Chinese New Year. For grades K-3. 1997.

**For Middle-Grade Readers** About 3rd - 7th grades

YEAR OF THE DOG by Grace Lin

DBC 00713, BR 16624

While Pacy's Taiwanese American family prepares the Chinese New Year feast, Pacy hopes the Year of the Dog will be lucky for her. She does make a new best friend at school but "finding herself"—discovering her own talent—takes longer. For grades 3-6. 2006.

SAMMY KEYES AND THE CURSE OF MOUSTACHE MARY: A SAMMY KEYES MYSTERY by Wendelin van Draanen

DB 59183

During a weekend in the country seventh-grader Sammy and her friends are drawn into a generations-old family feud that involves an old diary, modern-day illegal drugs,

and Sammy's stolen skateboard. Eventually Sammy solves the mystery of a burnt-down cabin and learns about trust. For grades 5-8. 2000.

**For Teen and YA Readers** Generally high school and older

ALL THESE THINGS I'VE DONE: BIRTHRIGHT, BOOK 1 by Gabrielle Zevin

DBC 05454, BR 19718

In a future where chocolate and caffeine are contraband, teenager Anya Balanchine struggles with the legacy of her New York City crime family—and with keeping her brother and sister safe and out of the business. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

CHILL WIND by Janet McDonald

DB 56891

Nineteen-year-old Aisha from Spellbound is living on welfare with her two children when her checks run out. Faced with homelessness, she is forced to try workfare until she discovers a job as a large-sized model. For senior high readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 2002.