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***Selected Resources to Build Cultural Knowledge: Asian Cultures***  
***A few recommendations...***

**Books- Nonfiction**

**Banks, J. 2009. Teaching Strategies for Ethnic Studies, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (Part V). Allyn & Bacon.**

*James A. Banks is the Kerry and Linda Killinger Endowed Chair in Diversity Studies and Director of the Center for Multicultural Education at the University of Washington, Seattle. He has authored numerous books and articles.*

*See his web page at <http://faculty.washington.edu/jbanks/index.htm>*

**Daniels, R. 2002. Coming to America: A History of Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Harper Collins.**

*Roger Daniels is Charles Phelps Taft Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati. He received his Ph.D. from UCLA in 1961 and is a past president of both the Immigration and Ethnic History Society and the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era.*

*He has written widely about Asian Americans and immigration. More information about Daniels is online at <http://magazine.uc.edu/issues/0207/classacts5.html>*

**Long, L.D. 1993. Ban Vinai: The Refugee Camp. Columbia Univ. Press**

*An excellent book about refugees and their life in Ban Vinai refugee camp in Thailand.*

**Takaki, R. 1998. Strangers From a Different Shore. Back Bay Books.**

*Ronald T. Takaki, a pioneer in the field of ethnic studies, was the grandson of Japanese immigrants. He established UC Berkeley's PhD program in ethnic studies, the first of its kind in the nation, and gave it prestige by drawing top-notch scholars as teachers. More information about Takaki can be found in the L.A Times obituary published at the time of his death in 2009:*

*<http://www.latimes.com/news/obituaries/la-me-ronald-takaki29-2009may29,0,6360569.story>*

**Books- Other**

**Butler, R. O. A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain. Holt Books.**

*Short stories about Vietnamese immigrants living in the United States. Won 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.*

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**Fenkl, H.I. 2005. Memories of My Ghost Brother. Bo Leaf Books.**

*This book is categorized as "memoir", but reads like fiction. Heinz Fenkl is from Korea, and his father was in the US Army and his mother Korean. He gives an enthralling and disturbing picture of the "identity questions" confronting a young immigrant, particularly one whose childhood was in the midst of strife or war. Information about Heinz Fenkl may be found through his web page at <http://heinzinsufenkl.net/fenklpage.html>*

**Le, N. 2008. The Boat. Knopf**

*A set of seven short stories by Nam Le. Has won NUMEROUS literary awards. See the website: <http://www.namleonline.com/>*

**Websites**

**WISE (Working to Improve Schools and Education) website - Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY**

*The purpose of this website is to provide anyone interested in improving U.S. schools with valuable information and resources about important issues in education and education professor, Jeff Claus, at Ithaca College, in Ithaca, NY and students in one of his courses. It focuses on analysis of contemporary issues in education, with particular emphasis on issues of equity, diversity, multicultural education, and the development of schools more effective for ALL students and families. The website offers information on many topics, including a section called "Asian-American Experience, Issues, and Resources".*

[http://www.ithaca.edu/wise/asian\\_american/](http://www.ithaca.edu/wise/asian_american/)

**Journal of Southeast Asian American Education & Advancement**

*The Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement (JSAAEA) (ISSN 2153-8999), is an on-line and freely accessible interdisciplinary journal providing a forum for scholars and writers from diverse fields who share a common interest in Southeast Asian (SEA) Americans and their communities. JSAAEA is an official publication of The National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA), with support from the department of Bicultural-Bilingual studies and the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Texas, San Antonio.*

<http://jsaaea.coehd.utsa.edu/index.php/JSAAEA>

*(Note: Descriptions adapted from material found on the respective websites.)*