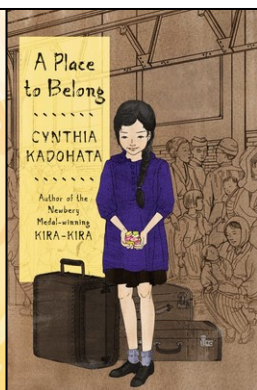
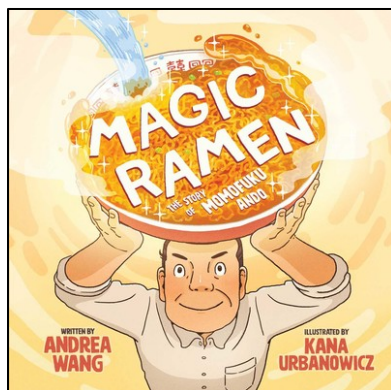


NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
FREE WINTER/SPRING ONLINE BOOK GROUP



Japan through Children's Literature: Dreaming of Noodles

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications from elementary and middle school teachers for this winter/spring 2020 online book group.

Overview: Japan's immediate post-war history are imagined in recent children's literature by Cynthia Kadohata and Andrea Wang. Participants will read and discuss *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata and illustrated Julia Kuo and *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang and illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz. This online course will explore the themes of post-war history (1945-1958), minorities and identity in Japan, and food culture. In the book group discussions, participants will consider classroom applications of the two books for language arts and social studies.

Online Format: The book group will be offered through three asynchronous modules. The book group opens with online introductions, January 31, 2020. The three modules run: February 7-20; February 21-March 5; and March 6-19. In early April 2020, a concluding webinar with author Andrea Wang (sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies) and submission of a final paper and evaluation will complete the program.

Eligibility and Expectations: Open to elementary and middle school teachers nationwide. Admission is selective and priority will be given to contract teachers whose curriculum incorporates Japan and teachers who have not previously taken an online course with the University of Colorado's NCTA or TEA programs. Participants are responsible for acquiring the two books in advance of the book group start date. Teachers are expected to participate fully in all three module discussions and the webinar with author, submit a three- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the books in their teaching, and complete an evaluation.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation:

- Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours.
- \$50 recognition award upon satisfactory completion of the course.

Apply online at www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Child-Lit-Reg. Application closes January 24, 2020, or when book group is full. Course limit: 20 eligible teachers. For more information, e-mail Catherine Ishida, ishida@colorado.edu.