

# ***We Recommend...Teen Fiction***

## **Bitter Melon**

Chow, Clara / YA FIC Chow

With the encouragement of one of her teachers, a Chinese American high school senior asserts herself against her demanding, old-school mother and carves out an identity for herself in late 1980s San Francisco.

## **Tiger's Curse**

Houck, Colleen / YA FIC Houck

*Kelsey forms a special bond with a circus tiger who is actually an Indian prince cursed to live as a tiger for eternity. She travels with him to see if they can break the curse for good.*

## **The Killing Sea**

Lewis, Richard / YA FIC Lewis

*In the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami in Sumatra, two teenagers, American Sarah and Acehnese Ruslan, meet and continue together their arduous climb inland, where Ruslan hopes to find his father and Sarah seeks a doctor for her brother.*

## **The Tiffin**

Narsimhan, Mahtab / YA FIC Narsi

*In Bombay, a misplaced note in a boxed lunch called a tiffin causes Kunal to be separated from his birth mother and he is forced to live with his cruel foster father Seth. He turns to his dabbawalla friend Vinayak who delivers the tiffins and devices a plan that could reunite him with his mother.*

## **Swimming in the Monsoon Sea**

Selvadurai, Shyam / YA FIC Selva

*An uneventful summer in Sri Lanka becomes more exciting when a Canadian cousin comes to visit.*

## **Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet**

Sheth, Kashmira / YA FIC Sheth

*Growing up with her family in Mumbai, India, sixteen-year-old Jeeta disagrees with much of her mother's traditional advice about how to live her life and tries to be more modern and independent.*

## **(You) Set me on Fire**

Tamaki, Mariko / YA FIC Tamak

*Alison Lee has just entered her first year in a women's residency at University. Having tendencies to set herself on fire, Alison attempts to find happiness while experiencing the rollercoaster emotions that college life involves.*

## **Orchards**

Thompson, Holly / YA FIC Thomp

*Sent to Japan for the summer Kana tries to fit in with relatives she barely knows to get away from stresses at home.*

## **American Born Chinese**

Yang, Gene Luen / Graphic Novels YA FIC Yang

*This graphic novel alternates three stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in popular culture.*

## **Mountain Girl, River Girl: a novel**

Ye, Ting-Xing / YA FIC Ye

*The story of two teenage girls born miles apart in rural China. Driven by dreams of adventure and of an escape from poverty and isolation, each girl makes the difficult decision to leave home for a better life.*