

## Who is Chin-Kee?

As we read Gene Luen Yang's *American Born Chinese* and examine the character Chin-Kee, we ask ourselves some questions: What does it mean to be Chinese? What does it mean to be American? What does it mean to be an immigrant and American, or an American growing up in an immigrant home?

Many people experience the phenomenon of dual identities and the challenges of switching seamlessly between them. Let's celebrate, affirm, and explore what it means to be American and all the things that make you, well, you.

### Read

#### **"Eight Ways I've Been Made to Feel about My Asian Eyes"** by Robin

<https://goo.gl/xoc5RR>

Robin, a young Asian American woman, writes vignettes about the ways she's made to feel about having "Asian" eyes and what that means for her identity.

#### **"How Code-Switching Explains the World" by Gene Demby**

<https://goo.gl/6MmUx2>

Journalist Gene Demby unpacks the term "code-switch" and how it affects people as they navigate different spaces, audiences, and expectations.

### Listen

#### **"Good Muslim, Bad Muslim, Episode 10: Muslim-ish"** from Taz Ahmed and Zahra Noorbakhsh

<https://goo.gl/F25bex>

Two women—Bangladeshi American activist/artist Taz Ahmed and Iranian American comedian/writer Zahra Noorbakhsh—talk about the unique challenges of navigating their identities in everyday activities like dating, eating pizza, and encountering media.



### **“Sound and Fury, Episode 13: Gene Luen Yang” from Angry Asian Man**

<https://goo.gl/8BJB00>

Phil Yu, who uses the moniker Angry Asian Man, speaks with author Gene Luen Yang, covering their mutual love of comic books and how being Asian does (and does not) influence Yang's work.

### **Watch**

#### **“If Asians Said the Stuff White People Say” from BuzzFeedYellow**

<https://goo.gl/TCyEEr>

This short, snappy video with comedian Jenny Yang explores microaggressive statements toward Asians.

### **Explore**

#### **“The Hapa Project” by Kip Fulbeck**

<http://www.thehapaproject.com/>

Writer and photographer Kip Fulbeck spent several years traveling in the United States photographing more than 1,200 volunteers who self-identified as hapa (as being of mixed racial heritage with partial Asian and/or Pacific Islander ancestry). He asked them to answer the question, “What are you?” The results affirm mixed race identities and encourage solidarity and empowerment in the multiracial/hapa community.

#### **“Folk Hero: Remembering Yuri Kochiyama through Grassroots Art” from the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center**

<http://smithsonianapa.org/yuri/>

Yuri Kochiyama was a civil rights leader who died in 2014. Although she might be familiar to some from an iconic photo taken of her with Malcolm X for a 1965 issue of *Life Magazine*, she was much more than a footnote in another man's life. Take a tour of this remarkable woman's life through this exhibit.