

# READING ASIA

WELCOMING AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S LITERATURE INTO YOUR CLASSROOMS.

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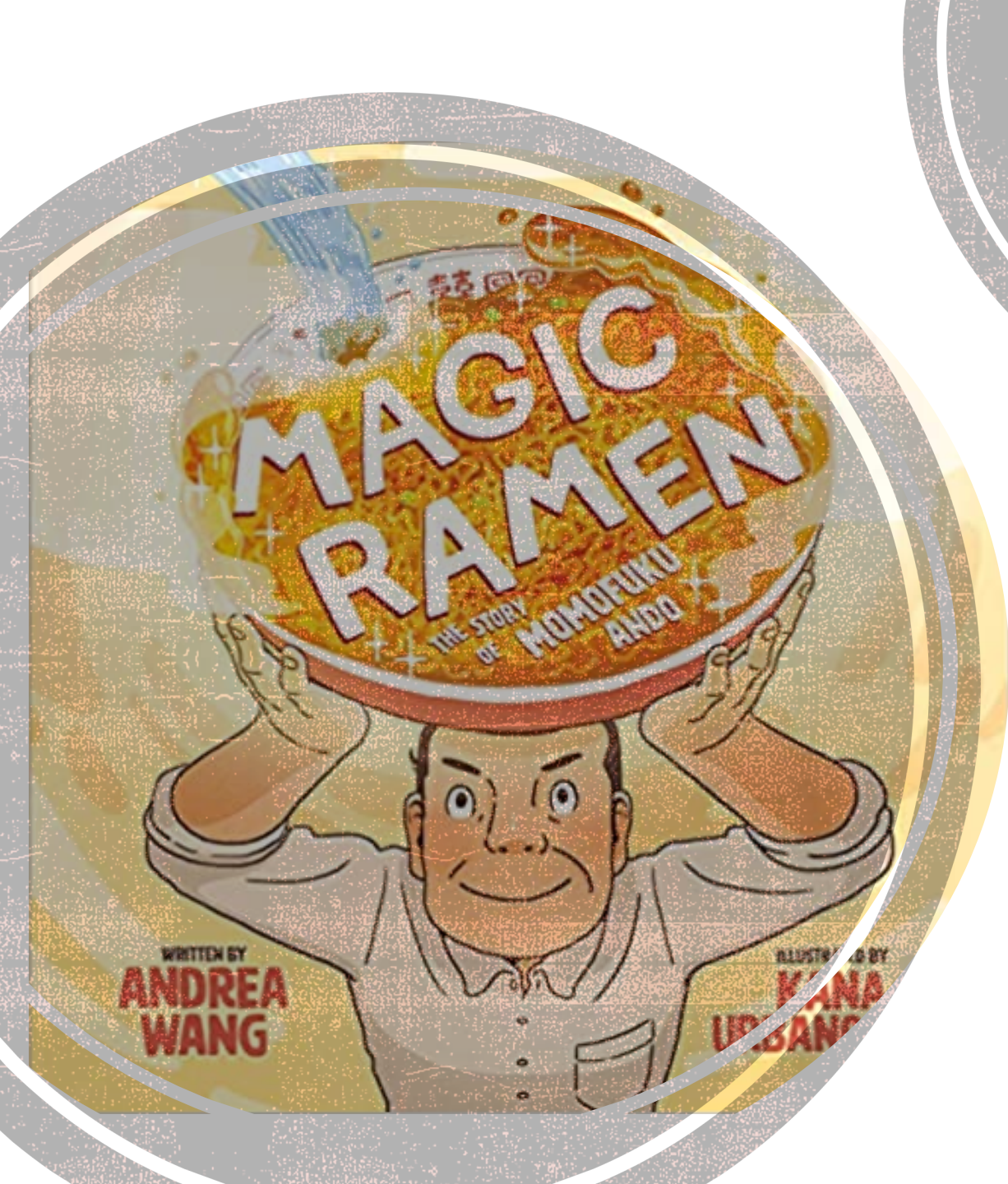


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- This session will provide an opportunity to take an in depth look at the 2019 Freeman Book Award Honorable Mention title: ***Magic Ramen: the story of Momofuku Ando*** written by Andrea Wang and illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz.





# FREEMAN BOOK AWARDS

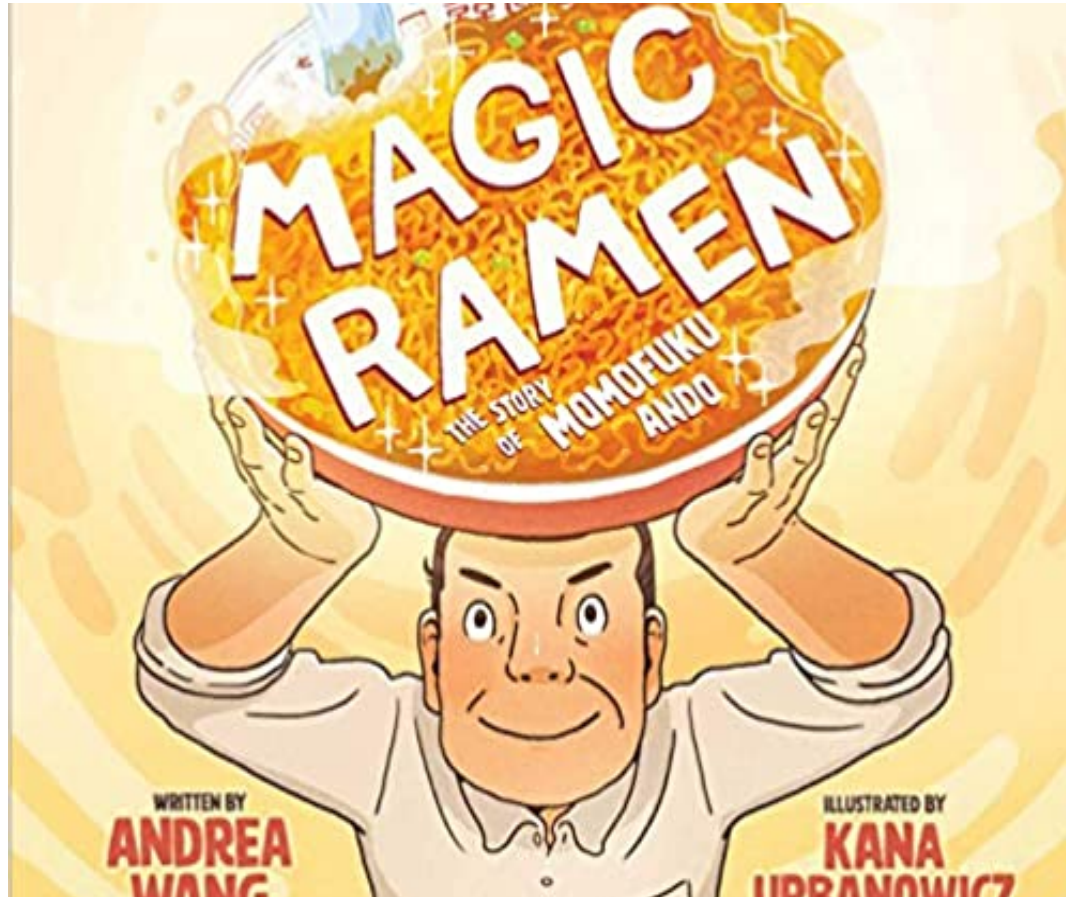


- Honoring East And Southeast Asian Titles for Children and Young Adults
- The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the Committee on Teaching about Asia (CTA) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), and Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University sponsor the annual Freeman Book Awards for new young adult and children's literature. The awards recognize quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia. Awards are given in two categories: Children's and Young Adult on the several countries of East and Southeast Asia.





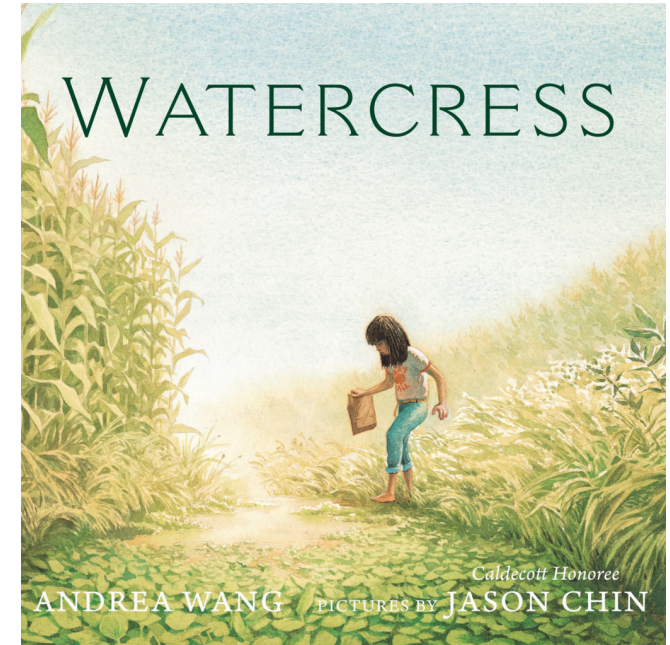
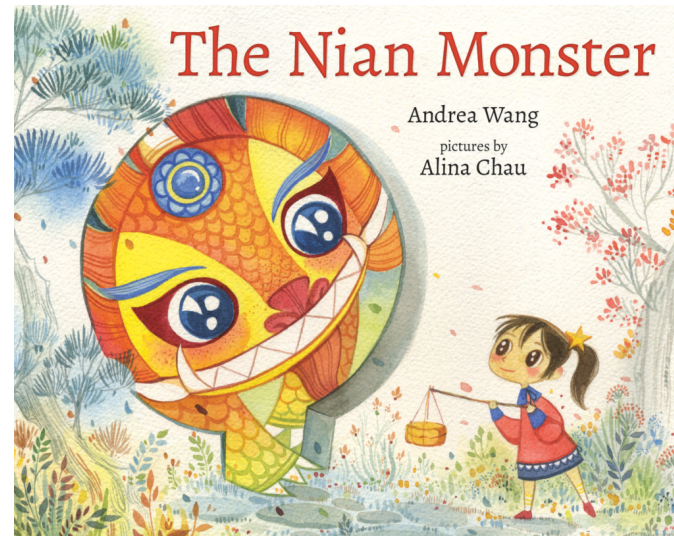
# MAGIC RAMEN: THE STORY OF MOMOFUKU ANDO



- By Andrea Wang
- Illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz







# ANDREA WANG

- Andrea Wang loves noodles, food, and noodling about food. A former environmental scientist, Andrea is the author of Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando. Andrea lives in Colorado with her family and their dog, Mochi. Sometimes they have instant ramen for breakfast. You can find out more about Andrea at [andreawang.com](http://andreawang.com).





# KANA URBANOWICZ

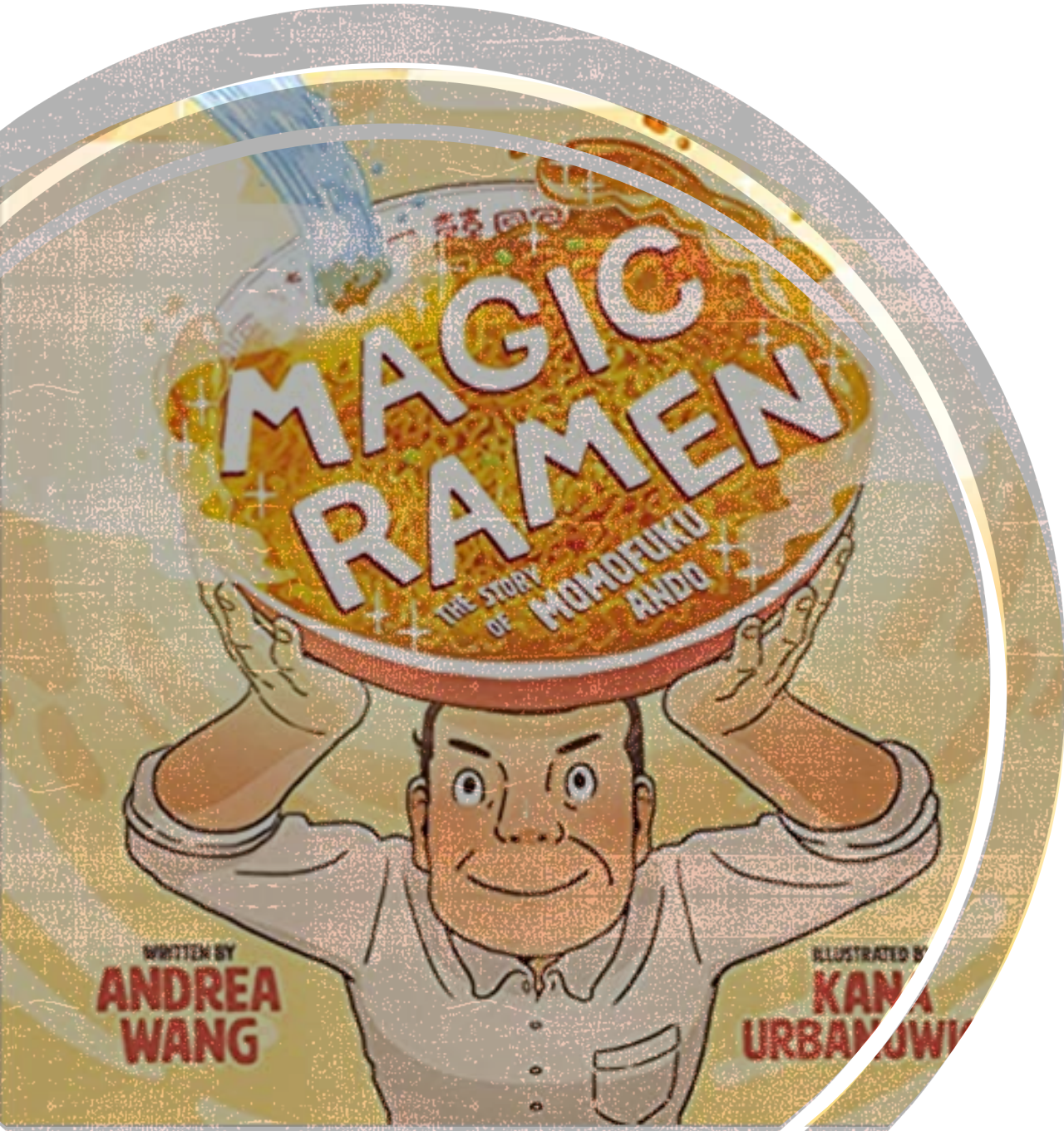
- Illustrator

Kana Urbanowicz is a Japanese designer creating unique illustrations, animations, comics, and other digital and hand painted works. In 2005, she graduated from Japan Electronics College. After her studies, she specialized in web design and started work as a full-time illustrator at a design company. While working there, she continued making original character designs and figurines. In 2017 she turned to a freelance career.





# Let's Read!



- Reading of the title with the Author Andrea Wang:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DniXZhjwS8I>







# JAPAN IN CONTEXT

## ■ Pre-War Japan

- Recovering from economic depression (like the U.S.)
- At war with China since 1937
- Politics increasingly dominated by the military
- Ideological shift: Shintoism dominating Buddhism
- Racism from the West

There's a great onesheet synopsis with more details from the East Asian Institute at Columbia University's Asia For Educators linked here:

[http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/special/japan\\_1900\\_power.htm](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/special/japan_1900_power.htm)







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In addition, Britannica offers a three minute video, from a Western lens, about the context of Japan engaging in World War II.

<https://www.britannica.com/video/72837/leaders-Tripartite-Pact-Imperial-Japan-conflict-Nazi-December-1941>







# JAPAN AFTER WWII

- Allied Occupation (1945-1952)

Lesson plan:

[https://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/content.cfm/the\\_occupation\\_of\\_japan\\_and\\_democratic\\_reform](https://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/content.cfm/the_occupation_of_japan_and_democratic_reform)

Post War Japan (1952-)

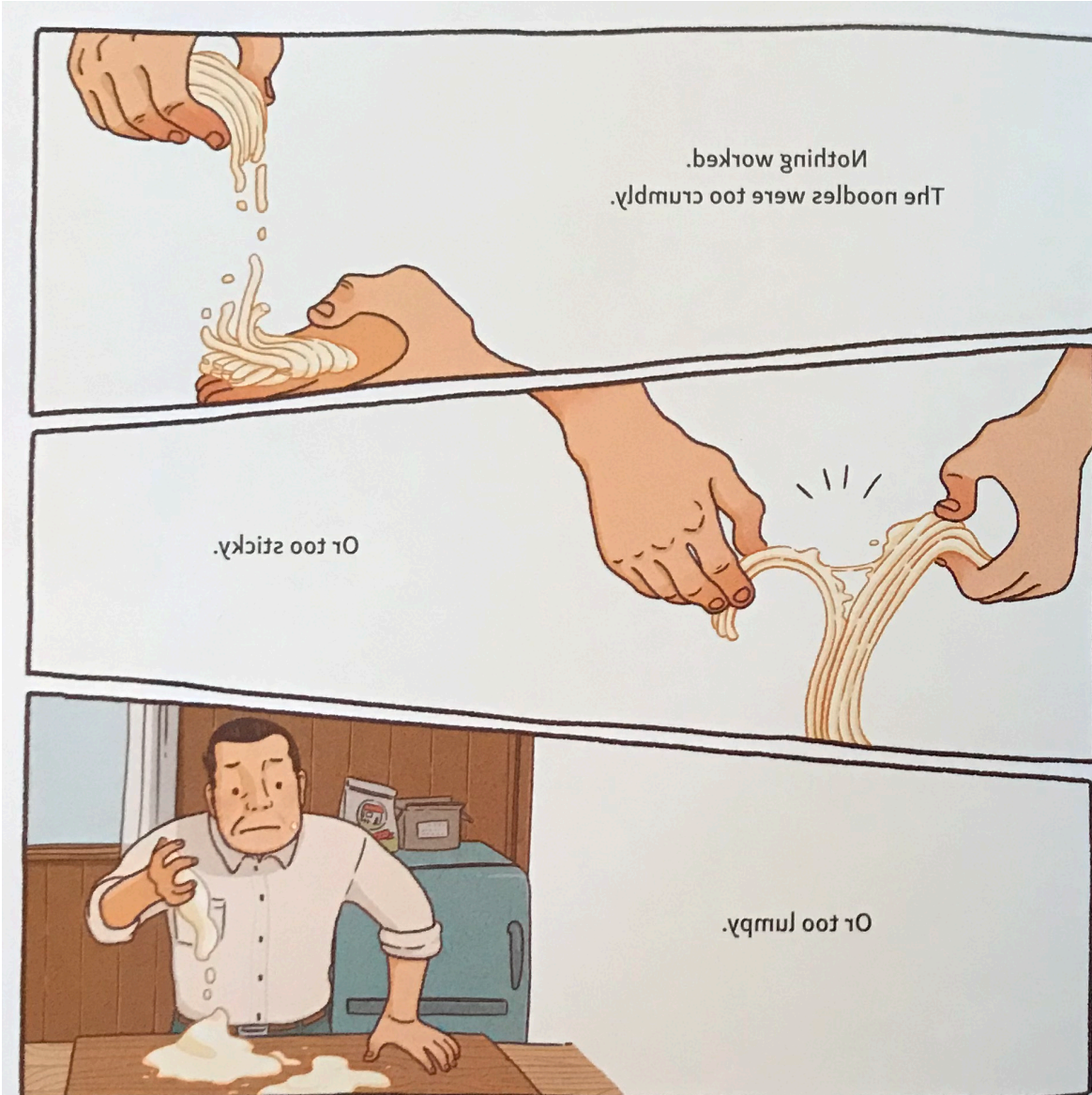
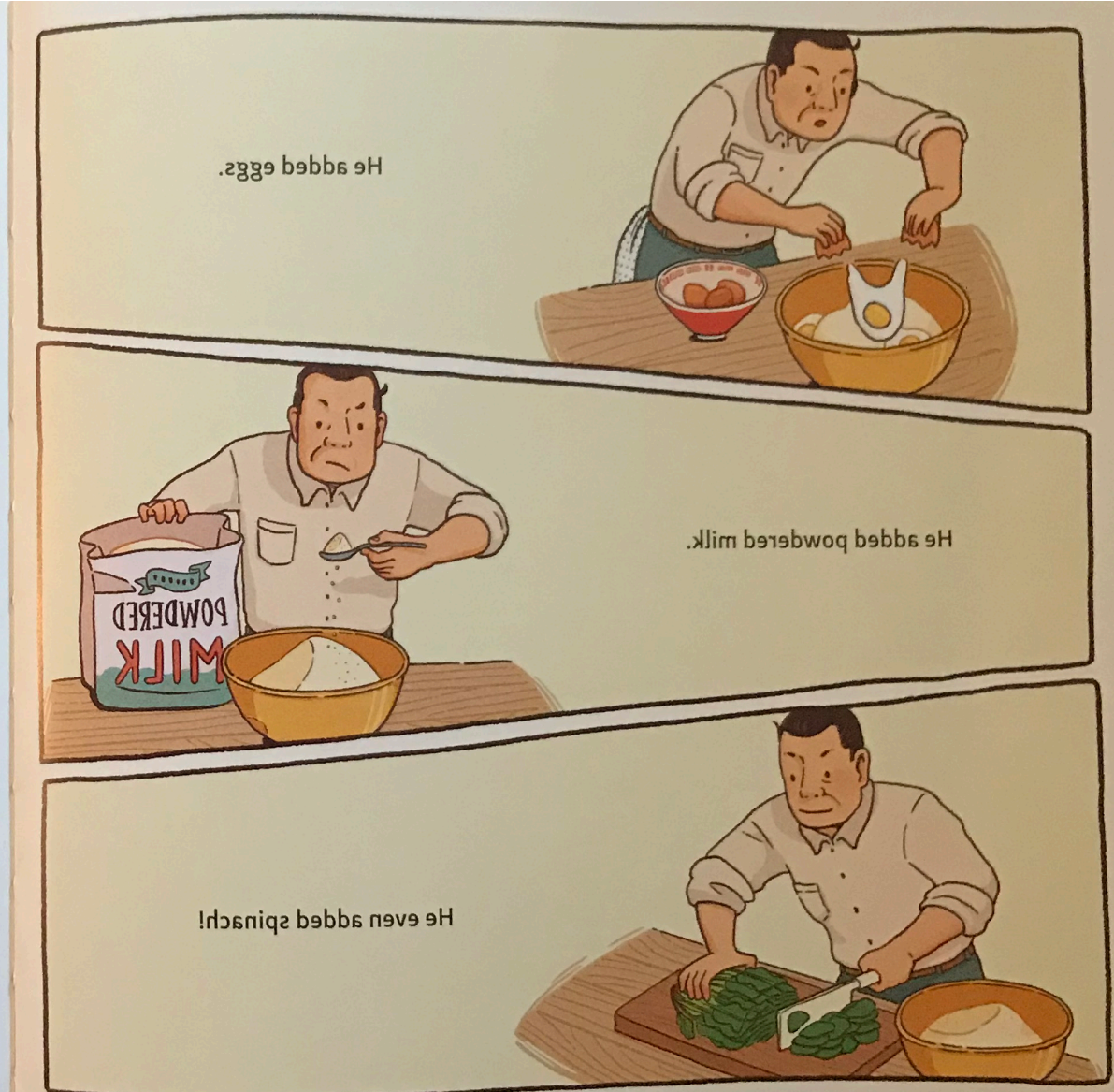
[https://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/content.cfm/postwar\\_japan\\_1952-1989](https://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/content.cfm/postwar_japan_1952-1989)

Even though World War II had ended over a year ago, much of Osaka, Japan, still lay in ruins.





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Ando kept experimenting with different ingredients.

One day, he cranked the handle of his noodle-making machine and tested the noodles that came out.

They didn't crumble, stick, or lump. It was just the right mix of ingredients.

Ando realized, *The key to the preparation of food is balance.*





After a year of trying, Ando had finally done it.  
He had invented instant ramen!



## ADDITIONAL READINGS & RESOURCE LINKS...

- The messy History of Ramen:  
<https://firstwefeast.com/eat/2014/05/george-solt-on-the-messy-history-of-ramen>
- The Untold History of Ramen  
<https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520282353/the-untold-history-of-ramen>
- The history of the Ramen Noodle:  
<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/the-history-of-the-ramen-noodle>
- Map of food origins:  
<https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/06/13/481586649/a-map-of-where-your-food-originated-may-surprise-you>





# FREEMAN BOOK AWARDS RESOURCES



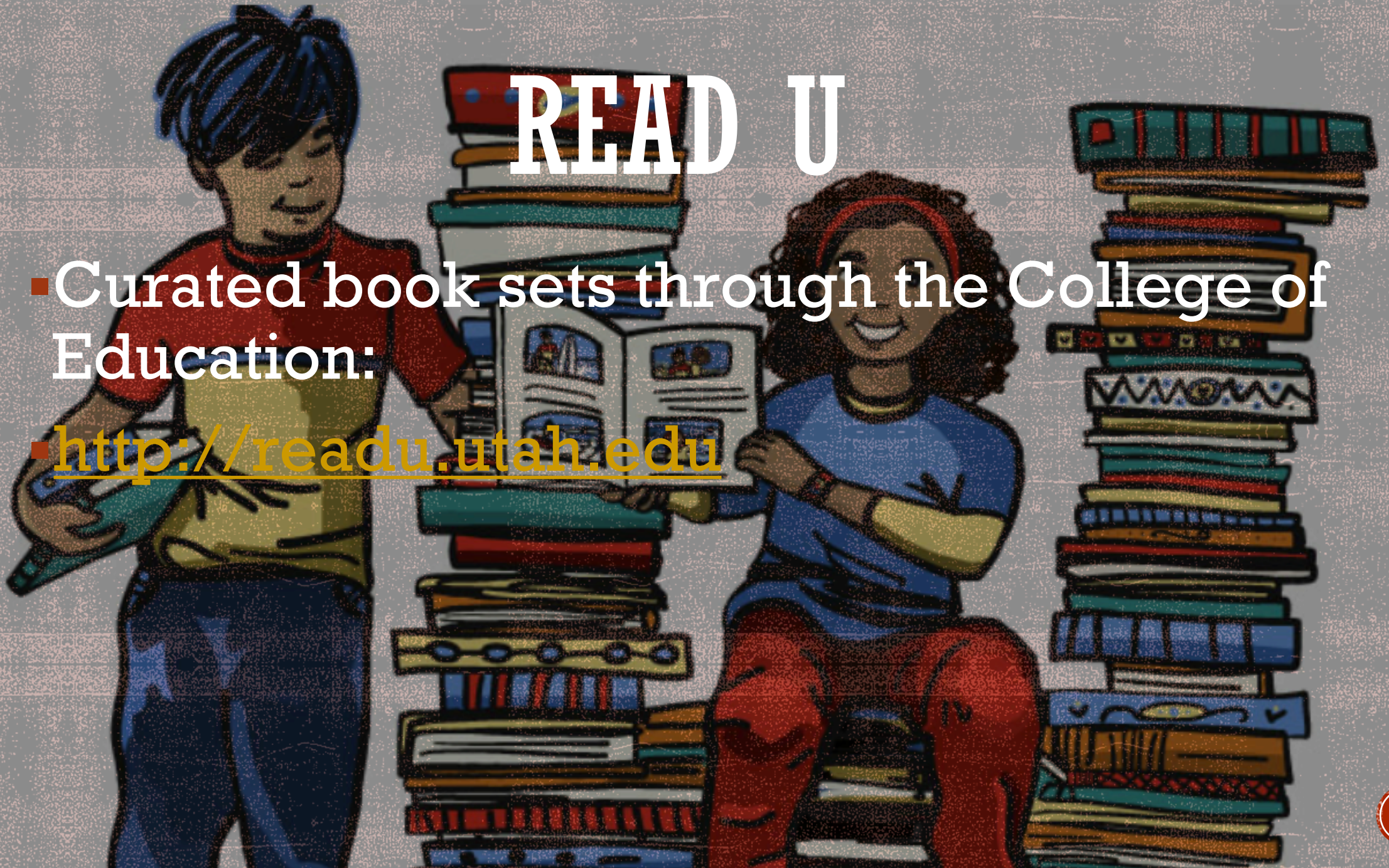
- <http://nctasia.org/resources/>





# READ U

- Curated book sets through the College of Education:
- <http://readu.utah.edu>





# Let's work together!

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