



First Asian American Muppet



Ernie, a muppet from the popular children's series "Sesame Street," appears with new character Ji-Young, the first Asian American muppet, on the set of the long-running children's program.

What's in a name? Well, for Ji-Young, the newest muppet resident of "Sesame Street," her name is a sign she was meant to live there.

Ji-Young is making history as the first Asian American muppet in the "Sesame Street" canon. She is Korean American and has two passions: rocking out on her electric guitar and skateboarding.

The new character will help teach children is how to be a good "upstander," a term "Sesame Street" gives people who point out things that are wrong or something that someone does or says that is based on their

negative attitude towards the person because of the color of their skin or the language they speak or where they're from.

In an upcoming Thanksgiving show, for example, where everyone shares food, music or dance from their culture, Ji-Young becomes upset after a kid, off screen, tells her "to go back home," an insult commonly flung at Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

But J-Young feels empowered after Sesame Street's other Asian American residents, guest stars and friends like Elmo assure her that she belongs as much as anyone else.

George Floyd's Life Story

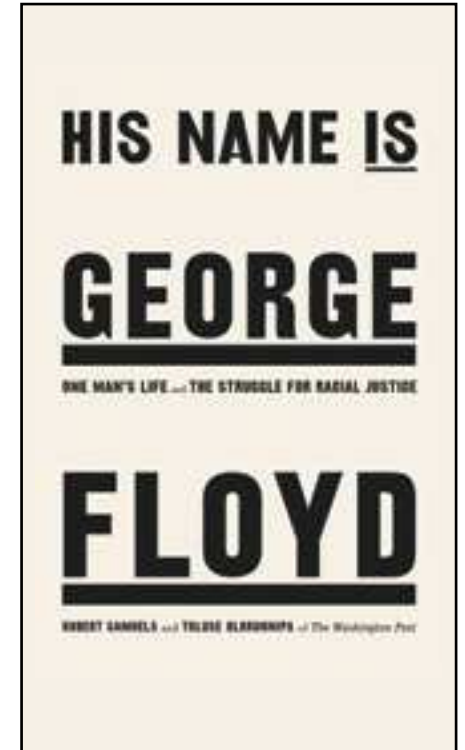
Expansion on Justice Series

Two Washington Post reporters are working on a biography of George Floyd, from his family history in the tobacco fields of North Carolina to his murder last year in Minneapolis by a white police officer.

Viking announced Wednesday that "His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice," by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa, will come out next May, nearly two years to the day of Floyd's death.

The book expands upon the Post's six-part series "George Floyd's America," winner of a Polk award for justice reporting.

"George Floyd's gruesome, videotaped death changed the world, as millions were moved by the raw humanity of a dying man pleading for air," Olorunnipa said in a statement. "As we've examined his life



over the past year, we've learned how his struggle to exhale as a Black man in America began decades before a police officer's knee landed on his neck."

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