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## Get Plugged In for April/May

### Read It

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"If only there were books like this when I was growing up!" Such was the common phrase bandied about the Audrey editorial office when Justina Chen Headley's young adult novel *Nothing but the Truth* (and a *Few White Lies*) landed on our desks. The first-time novelist was working for Microsoft when she was inspired by her hapa children to write stories about the hapa experience. Fifteen-year-old Patricia Yi-Phen Ho has to deal with her ultra-strict Taiwanese mom, who single-handedly raised her children after her Caucasian husband ran off, and smug Harvard-bound older brother. She then finds out she's being shipped off to math camp because a fortune-teller divined a white boy in Patricia's future. Chen Headley is also sponsoring a \$5,000 essay contest based on the book. See [www.nothingbutthetruthnovel.com](http://www.nothingbutthetruthnovel.com) for info. Details *Young Adults*, Little, Brown and Company, hardcover, \$16.99.

