

**Book Review 7/21 Joan Herron**

***Have you ever felt out of place - as if you didn't belong? I think most of us have had that feeling at some time or other, but not necessarily in another country.***

***Put yourself in the shoes of Robin Ha, looking through her eyes through her graphic novel memoir, Almost American Girl.***

***In Korea, her life was not ideal, sharing the scorn heaped upon her mother as a single parent with no father in the picture. Looking for a better life, they relocate to the United States where Robin's mother marries a Korean man she had met while he was visiting from Alabama. School became a nightmare when no one could pronounce Robin's Korean name and she was unable to understand English and the rude boys who made fun of her. This memoir is a good picture of resilience and kindness as she navigates new challenges and finds friends in surprising places.***