

Picture Books about Immigrants



My Grandfather's Coat

by Jim Aylesworth

An immigrant tailor's hand-sewn coat is worn to tatters and then recycled through the years into a jacket, a vest, a tie, a toy for his greatgrandson, and finally... a story.



Dreamers

by Yuyi Morales

After immigrating from Mexico to the U.S., a mother and son feel lonely until they find a special place — the public library — and everything changes.



<u>Islandborn</u>

by Junot Díaz

When Ms. Obi asks the class to draw their home countries, Lola can't remember the Island she left as a baby. Asking family and friends to share memories, she begins to form a picture of her homeland and herself.



Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story

by Lesléa Newman

Although they plan to immigrate to America together, 9-year-old Gittel must find the courage to travel alone when Mama is refused passage due to an eye infection.



Mustafa

by Maire-Louise Gay

Still dreaming about the war-torn country he left behind, a boy feels invisible in his new home, but when he visits a nearby park, he finds unexpected wonders and a new friend.



I'm New Here

by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Three immigrant children feel like outsiders after starting at a new school, but slowly adjust. The companion book, Someone New, relates their classmates' perspectives.



Something Happened to My Dad

by Ann Hazzard

When Carmen's father vanishes, Mamá says that he's been detained as an undocumented immigrant from Mexico. Their community supports them as they try to get him released.



Home Is in Between

by Mitali Perkins

Shanti, whose family has immigrated to the U.S. from India, must navigate between her family traditions and a new culture.



Until Someone Listens

by Estela Juarez

Estela describes how she and her family fight to return her mother to the United States after she is deported to Mexico, writing letters — lots of them — until someone listens.



A Different Pond

by Bao Phi

During an early morning trip to a Minnesota lake to catch fish for their dinner, a father tells his son about fishing in a far-distant pond and his life as a boy in Vietnam.



Saffron Ice Cream

by Rashin Kheiriyeh

Excited about her first trip to Coney Island, Rashin ponders the differences between visiting the beach in America and in her native Iran. There are plenty of discoveries to make.



Watch Me

by Doyin Richards

In this inspiring story of his father's journey from Sierra Leone to America, Richards helps readers realize that people from different places can succeed.



Where Butterflies Fill the Sky

by Zahra Marwan

Gorgeous watercolors tell the story of a young girl who immigrates from Kuwait to America in search of basic human rights and a home.



Stepping Stones

by Margriet Ruurs

English and Arabic texts recount a family's life in a Syrian village before war forces them to embark on a dangerous journey.



<u>Mango, Abuela, and Me</u>

by Meg Medina

It's a big adjustment when Mia's grandmother comes to live with Mia's family, but Abuela learns English and Mia Spanish with the help of their pet parrot.



A Piece of Home

by Jeri Watts

When Hee Jun's family moves from Korea to West Virginia, he struggles to fit in, but the unfamiliar slowly begins to feel like home.

