

Immigration Stories

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Brothers of the Falls	Emery, Joanna	As the orphaned Doyle brothers leave Ireland to sail to the United States in 1846, thirteen-year-old Aiden is accidentally separated from sixteen-year-old Liam and must make his own way to New York.	J Emery
Call Me Ruth	Sachs, Marilyn	The daughter of a Russian immigrant family, newly arrived in Manhattan in 1908, has conflicting feelings about her mother's increasingly radical union involvement.	J Sachs
Dragon's Gate	Yep, Laurence	When He accidentally kills a Manchu, a fifteen year old Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father who is working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad. Sequel to "Mountain Light"	J Yep
Drita, my homegirl	Lombard, Jenny	When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls soon bond.	J Lombard
Fiona McGilray's Story: a voyage from Ireland 1849	Pastore, Clare	Kicking off the "Journey to America" book series is this story of a young Irish girl who arrives in Boston in 1849 with her brother.	J Pastore
Goodbye Vietnam	Whelan, Gloria	Thirteen-year-old Mai and her family embark on a dangerous sea voyage from Vietnam to Hong Kong to escape the unpredictable and often brutal Vietnamese government.	J Whelan
Hannah's journal : the story of an immigrant girl	Moss, Marissa	In Russian where she and her family live, Hannah is given a diary for her tenth birthday, and in it she records the dramatic story of her journey to America.	J Moss
Hear my sorrow : the diary of Angela Denoto, a shirtwaist worker	Hopkinson, Deborah	Forced to drop out of school at the age of fourteen to help support her family, Angela, an Italian immigrant, works long hours for low wages in a garment factory, and becomes a participant in the shirtwaist worker strikes of 1909.	J Hopkinson

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Hope In My Heart	Lasky, Katherine	When Sofia and her family arrive in Ellis Island after a long and difficult journey from Italy, a cruel twist of fate separates Sofia from her parents and sends her into "quarantine."	J Lasky
How I Became an American	Gundisch, Karin	In 1902, ten-year-old Johann and his family, Germans who had been living in Austria-Hungary, board a ship to immigrate to Youngstown, Ohio, where they make a new life as Americans.	J Gundisch
Kai's Journey to Gold Mountain: an angel island story	Currier, Katrina Saltenstall	In 1934, twelve-year-old Kai leaves China to join his father in America, but first he must take a long sea voyage, then endure weeks of crowded conditions and harsh examinations on Angel Island.	J Currier
Katie's Wish	Hazen, Barbara Shook	Soon after Katie wishes for her potatoes to disappear during dinner, a potato famine ravages her native Ireland, forcing her to leave for America.	E Hazen
Land of Hope	Nixon, Joan Lowry	Rebekah, a fifteen-year-old Jewish immigrant arriving in New York City in 1902, almost abandons her dream of getting an education when she is forced to work in a sweatshop.	J Nixon
Land of Dreams	Nixon, Joan Lowry	In 1902 sixteen-year-old Kristin travels with her family from Sweden to a new life in Minnesota, where she finds herself frustrated by the restrictions placed on what girls of her age are expected or allowed to do.	J Nixon
Letters from Rifka	Hesse, Karen	Rifka and her family have fled Russia's brutal treatment of the Jews for a new life in America. But the path to freedom is full of terrible obstacles.	J Hesse
Maggie's Door	Giff, Patricia Reilly	This companion book to "Nory Ryan's Song" tells of the journey from Ireland to America taken by both Nory and Sean Red Mallon, who are heading to the home of Nory's sister, Maggie, in Brooklyn.	J Giff
New Kids on the Block: oral histories of immigrant teens	Bode, Janet	Teenage immigrants from various countries recount the emotional experience of fleeing their homelands and adjusting to a new life in the United States.	J305.2 Bode

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Red Midnight	Mikaelsen, Ben	After soldiers kill his family, twelve-year-old Santiago and his four-year-old sister flee Guatemala in a kayak and try to reach the United States.	J Mikaelsen
Ruby Lu, empress of everything	Look, Lenore	After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.	J Look
Silver Days	Levitin, Sonia	Escaping from Hitler's Germany, a Jewish family lives in a New York City tenement until Papa decides to move the family to California.	J Levitin
Song of Sampo Lake	Durbin, William	For Matti Ojala and his family, Finnish immigrants in Minnesota, starting a new life in America is both a hardship and an opportunity.	J Durbin
Step from Heaven	Na, An	A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.	J Na
The Honeysuckle House	Cheng, Andrea	An all-American girl with Chinese ancestors and a new immigrant from China find little in common when they meet in their fourth grade classroom, but they are both missing their best friends and soon discover other connections.	J Cheng
Under Copp's Hill	Ayers, Katherine	In 1908, eleven-year-old Innie joins the library club at a settlement house that serves immigrant families of Boston's North End, but when items and money disappear from the settlement house, Innie's past as a troublemaker puts her under suspicion.	J Ayers
Walk Across the Sea	Fletcher, Susan	In late nineteenth-century California, when Chinese immigrants are being driven out or even killed for fear they will take jobs from whites, fifteen-year-old Eliza Jane McCully defies the townspeople and her lighthouse-keeper father to help a Chinese boy who has been kind to her.	J Fletcher