New Immigrants, New Approaches
Serving Your Community's Deep Diversity with Programming and Acquisition

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RESOURCES
For additional and ongoing resources visit:
http://www.imyourneighborbooks.org/resources/

Welcoming Immigrants & Refugees

Welcoming America
Welcoming America helps communities across the country achieve prosperity by becoming more welcoming toward immigrants and all residents.
http://www.welcomingamerica.org

Resource: Office of Refugee Resettlement: Find State Support Programs
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/state-programs-annual-overview

Online Articles: “Changing Demographics, Changing Identity, Changing Attitudes” from Teaching Tolerance

Books as Bridges

http://www.slj.com/2014/05/diversity/how-cross-racial-scenes-in-picture-books-build-acceptance/

Blog: Coloring Between the Line: reflections on race, culture and children's books
http://coloringbetween.blogspot.com

Article: “Ten Quick Ways to Analyze Children's Books for Racism and Sexism"
New Arrival Children’s Literature

I’m Your Neighbor: Children’s Books & Reading Projects Building Bridges Between “New Arrivals” and Long-term” Communities
Discover “new arrival” children’s literature by setting, region, groups represented and theme. Download a growing collection of community and classroom engagement projects.
http://www.imyourneighborbooks.org

Article & Booklist: "Crossing Borders with Books" by Angela Leeper, Book Links, 01/15


Blog Post: “Finding Terms to Describe Authors Writing Cross Culturally” by Lanie Honda, I’m Your Neighbor, http://www.imyourneighborbooks.org/2012/07/05/711/

New Arrivals Children’s Literature & Libraries

Website: I’m Your Neighbor, Portland
A 2013 Portland, Maine community-wide read and series of public library events designed to promote a sense of community among the diverse people who have made the New England city their home.
http://www.imyourneighborportland.org
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I'm Your Neighbor

BOOK LIST

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There are beautiful new editions of the Breadwinner trilogy set in Afghanistan by Deborah Ellis (Groundwood Books). Reorder!

"All girls [should read] The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis."

— Malala Yousafzai,

New York Times
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Burmese (Myanmar)

Azzi In Between
Picture Book
By Sarah Garland
Illustrated by Sarah Garland
Published by Frances Lincoln Children’s Books
(Setting not named, but based on the author’s experience with refugees of Burma)

“...every school should have this book readily to hand for every child to read.”
—Marjorie Coughlan, Paper Tigers

Bamboo People
Novel
By Mitali Perkins
Published by Charlesbridge

“...a story that invites discussion of the realities of warfare rooted in long-standing antagonism and unreasoning hatred of “the other.” —Michael Cart, Booklist

Cambodian

A Path of Stars
Picture Book
By Anne Sibley O’Brien
Illustrated by Anne Sibley O’Brien
Published by Charlesbridge

“A loving, intergenerational story about loss and perseverance that feels honest, empowering, and—best of all—hopeful.”
—Booklist

Either the Beginning or the End of the World
By Terry Farish
Published by Carolrhoda Lab

Congoese

Blue Gold
Novel
By Elizabeth Stewart
Published by Annick Press

“Artfully blending psychological insights with global politics and business ethics, Stewart demonstrates the interconnectedness of the global economy with elegant prose and page-turning cliffhangers.” —Karen Doerksen
Readely, National Reading Campaign

Ethiopian

Faraway Home
Picture Book
By Jane Kurtz
Illustrated by E.B. Lewis
Published by Harcourt Books

“Like Allen Say’s Grandfather’s Journey (1993), this picture book captures the immigrant experience when generations live far apart and even happy family life is mixed with longing for “back home.” —Booklist

Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy’s Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard
Memoir
By Mawi Asgedom
Published by Little, Brown and Company

“Asgedom’s story is compelling: after three years in a refugee camp in the Sudan, his family—mother, father, brother, and sisters—made their way to the Chicago area where, thanks to their own faith and grit and the everyday generosity of their community, they managed to establish a life for themselves.”
—Kirkus Review
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Guatemalan

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Picture Book
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Published by Charlesbridge Publishing

Journey of Dreams
By Marge Pellegrino
Published by Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

“This novel will captivate both Latin American survivors of civil war and their peers. Outstanding.” –Kirkus Reviews

Mexican

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote
Picture Book
By Duncan Tonatiuh
Published by Abrams Books for Young Readers

“Accessible for young readers, who may be drawn to it as they would a classic fable; perfect for mature readers and the classroom, where its layers of truth and meaning can be peeled back to be examined and discussed. An incandescent, humane and terribly necessary addition to the immigrant-story shelf.” –Kirkus Reviews

Iraqi

Silent Music: a Story of Baghdad
Picture Book
By James Rumford
Published by Roaring Brook Press

“Told plainly and without bathos, this is one story of how people use art to find understanding.” –The Horn Book Magazine

The White Zone
Novel
By Carolyn Marsden
Published by Carolrhoda Books

“The White Zone is the compelling true story of how the author of this novel, Carolyn Marsden, an American, came to understand life in a Middle Eastern country from the perspective of a Muslim family.” –Times Kids

“Marsden’s detailed descriptions of everyday life make this culture come alive.” –School Library Journal

“Marsden tells a story that resonates highly in today’s society where there are many different types of chaos disrupting lives and homes worldwide.” –VOYA

Tell Us We’re Home
By Marina Budhos
Published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers

“These fully realized heroines are full of heart, and their passionate struggles against systemic injustice only make them more inspiring. Keenly necessary.” –Kirkus Reviews

Muslim

The Garden of my Imaan
Novel
By Farhana Zia
Published by Peachtree Publishers

“...Zia’s gentle message—that Muslims come from many cultures whose observances differ, while the long shadow of 9/11 hovers over all—is timely and beautifully conveyed.” –Kirkus Reviews
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Muslim

My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece
By Annabel Pitcher
Published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers

“This book is a great catalyst for opening conversations about death and loss as well as difficult discussions about hatred and prejudice.” —Children’s Literature

Does My Head Look Big In This?
Novel
By Randa Abdel-Fattah
Published by Orchard Books

“...the book is wonderful at showing the diversity within Muslim communities and in explaining why so many women choose to wear the hijab.” —School Library Journal

Palestinian

A Stone in my Hand
Novel
By Cathryn Clinton
Published by Candlewick Press

“With a sharp eye for nuances of culture and the political situation in the Middle East, Clinton has created a rich, colorful cast of characters and created an emotionally charged novel.” —School Library Journal

Where the Streets Had a Name
By Randa Abdel-Fattah
Published by Scholastic Press

“Abdel-Fattah introduces a bright, articulate Muslim heroine coping with contemporary life...” —Kirkus Reviews

Rwandan

Armel’s Revenge
Picture Book
By Nicki Cornwell
Illustrated by Erika Pal
Published by Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

“A brave story that highlights how prejudices and hatred can influence the same families for generations.” —IBBY Link

Somali

My Friend Jamal
Picture Book
By Anna McQuinn
Illustrated by Ben Frey
Published by Annick Press

“Joseph’s notes on what he has learned about his friend’s culture add to the usefulness of this matter-of-fact picture of mutual respect and cross-cultural harmony.” —Children’s Literature
**Somali**

*The Color of Home*
Picture Book  
By Mary Hoffman  
Illustrated by Karin Littlewood  
Published by Penguin Group

*Out of Nowhere*
By Maria Padian  
Published by Random House Children's Books

“The author gracefully explores the intersections between culture and religion, as well as suspicion and prejudice in a post-9/11 world.” *Publisher's Weekly*

**Sudanese**

*My Name is Sangoel*
Picture Book  
By Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed  
Illustrated by Catherine Stock  
Published by Eerdmans Books

“...This simple story puts a child-friendly spin on a common immigrant experience as the child’s classmates respond with similar puzzle pictures of their own names.” *School Library Journal*

**Sudanese**

*The Good Braider*
Novel  
By Terry Farish  
Published by Amazon Children’s Publishing

“Refreshing and moving; avoids easy answers and saviors from the outside.” *Kirkus Reviews*

*The Red Pencil*
By Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Illustrated by Shane Evans  
Published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

“A soulful story that captures the magic of possibility, even in difficult times.” *Kirkus Reviews (Starred Review)*

**Vietnamese**

*Inside Out and Back Again*
By Thanhha Lai  
Published by HarperCollins Publishing

“... speak to any sensitive child wrestling with the necessity to compromise with wrenching, world-shifting transitions.” —Claudia Mills, Children's Literature