

Coming to America



Chapter Books



[The Year I Flew Away](#)

by Marie Arnold
Gabrielle is sent to live with her uncle and family in Brooklyn, leaving behind her Haitian village. Her success in America means everything so she makes a deal with a local witch.



[Shine On, Luz Véliz!](#)

by Rebecca Balcárcel
Injured and no longer able to play soccer, Luz feels lost. Things are hard enough, but she is thrown another big curve when her half-sister from Guatemala moves in with the family.



[Santiago's Road Home](#)

by Alexandra Diaz
Alone and hungry, Santiago, 12, joins a young mother and her child on their journey to the U.S. border. Once across, the three are separated — will this new-made family be reunited?



[The Bluest Sky](#)

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Life becomes impossible for Héctor and his family in Communist Cuba in 1980. They plan to leave for Miami to join his father, who has been exiled there, but it will be very hard to do.



[The Land of Forgotten Girls](#)

by Erin Entrada Kelly
After moving from the Philippines to Louisiana, two sisters are abandoned by their father and left with an unloving stepmother. They don't have much, but they have each other and the power of their imaginations.



[In the Beautiful Country](#)

by Jane Kuo
Anna's family arrives in Los Angeles from Taiwan in 1980 with many hopes and dreams that fade slowly as the family struggles to keep their restaurant open.



[Inside Out & Back Again](#)

by Thanhha Lai
Ha's family escapes Vietnam in 1975 and makes a harrowing journey to Alabama. She struggles to understand American ways and worries about her father in Vietnam. (series)



[The Turtle of Michigan](#)

by Naomi Shihab Nye
Aref arrives in Michigan from Oman where his family will begin a new life, but he misses Sidi, his beloved grandfather who was left in Oman.



[Esperanza Rising](#)

by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Forced to leave their privileged life in Mexico, Esperanza and her mother move to California and face difficult conditions endured by Mexican farm workers during the Great Depression.



[World in Between](#)

by Kenan Trebinčević
In this gripping autobiographical story, an 11-year-old Muslim boy describes his family's hard yet hopeful journey from war-torn Bosnia to the United States.



[Other Words for Home](#)

by Jasmine Warga
When Syria becomes too dangerous, Jude and her mother travel to Ohio to stay with family. But why do some people think Jude is evil — especially after she is able to wear a hijab?



[Finally Seen](#)

by Kelly Yang
Lina, 10, travels from China to Los Angeles to be reunited with her parents and sister who left Lina with her grandparents years earlier to find the American dream. (series)

Graphic Novels



[When Stars Are Scattered](#)

by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed
Two young Somali refugees, Omar and Hassan, are separated from their parents in the chaos of fleeing their village and spend years in a refugee camp in Kenya.



[Parachute Kids](#)

by Betty C. Tang
It's 1981, and Feng-Li's family goes to Los Angeles for vacation. But instead of going home, she will stay behind in the U.S. with her siblings while their parents return to Taiwan!

More Great Books

- [Wishtree](#) by Katherine Applegate
- [Farewell Cuba, Mi Isla](#) by Alexandra Diaz
- [A Place to Belong](#) by Cynthia Kadohata
- [Measuring Up](#) by Lily LaMotte
- [The Orphan Band of Springdale](#) by Anne Nesbet
- [Salma Makes a Home](#) by Danny Ramadan
- [Land of the Cranes](#) by Aida Salazar
- [Warrior Girl](#) by Carmen Tafolla