# 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 great-grandson, and finally... a story.

- **Islandborn**  
  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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.