TAR Book List

January 11, 2021

Theme: Immigration and The Anniversary of the Opening of Ellis Island (January 1, 1892)

Ellis Island Books

A House of Tailors by Patricia Reilly Giff (ages 4+) (From Germany to U.S.A)

A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen

All the Way to America by Dan Yaccarino

An Ellis Island Christmas by Maxinne Rhea Leighton

Ashes of Roses by MJ Auch (ages 12-15) (17 yr. old Irish Immigrant)

At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices by Louise Peacock

Bridge to America: Based on a True Story by Linda Glaser (9 yr. old boy’s pt. of view as he follows Father’s immigration from Poland)

Children of Ellis Island by Barry Moreno

Coming to America: The Story of Immigration by Betsy Maestro

Doll Hospital: Tatiana Comes to America, an Ellis Island Story by Joan Holub (99-page Chapter book) (from Russia to U.S.A.)

Dreamer by Yuyi Morales (ages 4-8)

Dreaming of America: An Ellis Island Story by Eve Bunting and Ben Stahl

Ellis Island by Elizabeth Carney (National Geographic level 3) (personal favorite)

Ellis Island: An Interactive History Adventure (You Choose History) by Michael Burgan

Ellis Island: New Hope in a New Land by William Jay Jacobs (YA)

Ellis Island (True Books) (A true Book: American History) by Elaine Landau (ages 3-5)
Gittel's Journey an Ellis Island Story by Leslea Newman

Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say

I Was Dreaming to Come to America: Memories from Ellis Island Oral History Project by Veronica Lawlor

If Your Name was Changed at Ellis Island by Ellen Levin

Immigrate Kids by Russell Freedman

In the Shadow of Lady Liberty: Immigrant Stories from Ellis Island (U.S. Immigration in the 1900s) by Danny Kraritz

Journey to Ellis Island by Carol Bierman (Russia to U.S.A.) (Ages 8 +) (Will a bullet injury keep the boy from entering U.S.A.?)

Klara’s New World by Jeanette Winter (from Sweden to U.S.A.)

Landing at Ellis Island (Eye on History Graphic Illustrated) by Dr. Holly Karapetkova (age 9-12)

Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse a Newberry Metal Winning Author (ages 10-14 yrs.) (Based on author’s family) (Russia’s harsh treatment of the Jewish people)

Maggie’s Door (Nory Ryan) by Patricia Reilly Giff (ages 8-12)

Minsha’s Night on Ellis Island (At the Heels of History) by Pam Berkman (Follow Minsha a terrier-Dog’s pt. of view)

My Journey Through Ellis Island by Lynda Arnez (first person narrative)

My Name is Yoon (Korean story) (ages 3-7)

Pete Comes to America by Violet Favero (Greece to U.S.A.-6 yr. old boy story)

Postcards of America Ellis Island (15 Historic Postcards) by Barry Moreno

The Girl in the Torch by Robert Sharenow (ages 8-12) (A Girl hides in the Statue of Liberty after being sent back on Ellis Island)

The King of Mulberry Street by Donna Jo Napoli (ages 8-12)

The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleishman (ages 4-8)

The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff (ages 6-9)

The Orphan of Ellis Island (Time Travel Adventure) by Elvira Woodruff (ages 9-12)

What was Ellis Island? By Patricia Brennan Demult (Who HQ book)

When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest

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Other Books about Immigration:

The American Story by Jennifer Armstrong (comprehensive) (ages 8-12)

A Different Pond by Boa Phi (Vietnam immigration story) (A boy learns to catch fish to feed the family)

A Galaxy of Sea Stars by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo (ages 8-12) (Refugee story)

A Peddler’s Dream by Jenice Shefelman (from Lebanon to the U.S.A.) (ages 3-8)

A Picnic in October by Eve Bunting (ages 4-7)

Abuela by Arthur Dorros (fun Spanish speaking expressions) (Teacher’s pick) (Winner of Parent’s Choice Award)

Apple Pie 4th of July by Janet S. Wong (Chinese food on the 4th of July?) (Ages 0-5)

Ava & Carol Detective Agency: The Crown Jewel Mystery by Thomas Lockhaven

Blue Jasmine by Kashmira Sheth (from India to America) (ages 8-12)

Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers’ Strike of 1909 by Michelle Markel

Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris (bread from around the world) (ages 4-8)

Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de La Pena

Christmas Tapestry by Patricia Palacco (all ages)

The Copper Lady by Alice Rose and Leslie W. Bowman

Count Me In by Varsha Bajaj (social media campaign we each belong)

Danbi Leads the School Parade by Anna Kim (ways to meld two cultures)

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

The Dress and the Girl by Camille Andros (Celebration of what they bring with them and leave behind) (ages 4-8)

Hannah is My Name by Belle Yang (Based on her story as a reflection of the American Dream) (Taiwan)

Here I Am by Patricia Hee Kim (A boy from a quiet homeland to a City) (ages 5-10)

How Many Days to America? A Thanksgiving Story by Eve Bunting and Beth Peck (A modern day family face hardships coming to America) (ages 4-7)

How My Family Lives in America by Susan Kuklin (ages 4-8)

I Hate English by Ellen Levine and Steve Bjorkman (ages 4-8) (A Blue Ribbon Book)

I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosin (To protect their daughter they send her from Chile to U.S.A.) (ages 10-14)

If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord (Great read aloud) (1947 Chinese American) (ages 8-12) (Teacher’s pick)

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco (all ages)

Kiki and Jacques by Susan Ross (refugee story) (ages 8-12)
The Land of Forgotten Girls by Erin Entrada Kelly (Philippines to America after the death of their Mother. Then abandoned by their Father) (ages 8-12)

La Mariposa by Francisco Jameniz (A son of a migrant worker struggles in school) (Teacher’s pick) (ages 4-7)

Landed by Milly Lee (Immigration Story of 1880, Chinese Exclusion Act)

Liberty’s Journey by Kelly DiPucchio and Richard Egielski

Lily and Miss Liberty by Carla Stevens and Deborah Kogan Ray (ages 7-10)

The Long Way to a New Land by Joan Sandin (Sweden to U.S.A.) (level 3)

Mama’s Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation by Edwidge Danticat (ages 5-8)

My Diary from Here to There by Amanda Irma Perez by And Maya Christina Gonzalez (America from Mexico)

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi (ages 3-7)

Naming Liberty by Jane Yolen (Celebrate Independence Day with this unique story weaving the building of a statue with the arrival of a girl from Russia) (ages 6-9)

The New Americans: Colonial Times: 1620-1689 by Besty Maestro (ages 6-10)

One Good Thing About America by Ruth Freeman (Letters from a 9 yr. old to His Grandmother about strange, charming America with an amusing portrait)

Oskar and The Eight Blessings by Tanya Simon (Winner of the 2015 National Jewish Book Award for Children’s Literature)

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga (from Syria to U.S. written in verse) (ages 8-12)

Pancho Rabbit and The Coyote: A Migrant’s Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh (Allegory about migration of a rabbit and coyote)

Peppe the Lamplighter by Elisa Bartone (Caldecott Honor Book) (Setting of Little Italy New York City) (ages 4-8)

Pick and Shovel Poet: The Journeys of Pascal D’Angelo by Jim Murphy (ages 10-12)

Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai (A boy and his Brother struggles in a new Country with their Father’s death and while their Mother is at work, they bake to relive their Father’s dream.)

Rebekkah’s Journey A World War II Refugee Story by Ann E. Burg (Fort Ontario Refugee Shelter in Oswego N.Y. housed over 900 men, Women and Children from various counties) (ages 6-12)

Sea Prayers by Khaled Hosseini (Character fled Syrian due to war) (Proceeds from this book go to the United Nations Refugee Agency and to Khaled Hosseini Foundation’s refugee relief fund)

Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai (Afghanistan to U.S.A with a younger Sister left behind. He returns to find her)

The Story of the Statue of Liberty by Betsey Maestro and Giulio Maestro

Sylvia and Aki by Winifred Conkling (Latino children based on true events and a landmark legal battle) (ages 9-12)

Tattered Sails by Verla Kay

Tea with Milk by Allen Say (After High School they move back to Japan)

The Wall in the Middle of this Book by Jon Agee (ages 4-8) (lesson on not making assumptions)
Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson and Diane Goode

We are Americans: Scholastic History of Immigration by Dorothy Hoober and Thomas Hoober (Comprehensive guide)

We All Have a Heritage by Sandy Lynne Holman (ages 4+) (Personal favorite)

What is a Refugee? By Elisa Gravel (Grades 3-7)

When I First Came to This Land by Harriet Zieffert (Based on the folk Song by Oscar Brand) (ages 5-8)

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed (ages 8-12) (Refugee story) (Teacher’s Pick)

Where are You From? By Yamile Saide Mendez (a great conversation starter about belonging) (ages 4-8)

Series:

Beyond the Western Seas Series by Avi (Grades 4-8)

Dear America: Hear My Sorrow by Deborah Hopkinson (Part of Dear America 21 books) (A setting of birth of the Labor Unions) (Grades 3-12)

Ellis Island Land Hope by Joan Lowery Nixon (ages 12-14)

Ellis Island Land of Promise by Joan Lowery Nixon (ages 12-14)

Her Right Foot (American History Books for Kids, American History for Kids) by Dave Eggers

Hitty’s Travels Ellis Island Days by Ellen Weiss

Land of Dreams by Joan Lowery Nixon (ages 12-14)

Meet Rebecca (American Girl Collection) by Jacqueline Greene (Rebecca earns money to bring her cousin to U.S.A. from Russia) (ages 8-10)
Molly’s Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen (ages 6-10)

My Name Is America: The Journal of Otto Peltonen, A Finnish Immigrant by William Dur

Sofia’s Immigrant Diary: Book 1 and 2 (My American series) (ages 7-10)

Under Copp’s Hill History Mysteries Series (ages 10-12) (A 1908 Settlement House setting)

YA Books:

African Princess the Amazing Lives of Africa’s Royal Women by Joyce Hansen (personal favorite to read with We All Have a Heritage) (ages 8+)

American Passage the History of Ellis Island by Vincent J. Cannto

Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card by Sara Saedi

The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X.R. Pan

Be Water, My Friend the Early Years of Bruce Lee by Ken Mochizuki

Be Water, My Friend: The Teaching of Bruce Lee by Shannon Lee

Bitter Tide by Ann Stamos

Come on in 15 Stories about Immigration and Finding Home by Adi Alsaid

Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration by Ann Bausum

Ellis Island by Judith Jango-Cohen

Ellis Island and other Stories by Mark Helprin

Ellis Island a People’s History by algozata Szejnert

Emma’s Poem: The Voice of Liberty by Linda Glaser

Enrique’s Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother by Sonia Nazarioays to meld two cultures

The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe

Forgotten Ellis Island: Extraordinary Story of America’s Immigrant Hospital by Lorie Conway

Haven the Unknown Story of 1,000 World War II Refugees by Yuyi Morales

Home of The Brave by katharine Applegate (Teacher’s pick) (a boy Immigrates from Africa to Minnasota)

Hour of Freedom American History in Poetry compiled by Milton Meltzer

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai and Christina lamb

Kimchi & Calamari by Rose Kent (New York author and personal favorite) by Rose Kent
Last of the Name by Rosanne Parry

New Kids in Town by Janet Bode (Teens tell their real life stories of Immigration)

Let’s Go Swimming on Doomsday by Natalie C. Anderson

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park (#1 best seller) (“Lost Boys” of Sudan) (Personal favorite)

The Mayflower and The Pilgrims’ New Word, adapted for young people from the New York Times bestseller Mayflower, by Nathaniel Philbrick (winner of the National Book Award)

Michelina’s Letter: Ellis Island Émigré -1st person, Present Tense by Vicor R. Pisano

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

The Showmaker’s Wife by Andriana Trigiani

Shutting Out The Sky: Life in Tenements of New York 1880-1924 by Deborah Hopkinson

The Sky at Our Feet by Na dia Hashimi

Under The Same Sky by Cythia DeFelice

The War Outside by Monica Hesse (Two girls sent to a family internment camp because their parents immigrated from Germany and Japan during WWII)

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei (Graphic novel of George Takei childhood imprisonment within American concentration camp WWII)

We Are Not from Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez
**Books about Citizenship:**

- *Becoming an American Citizen (American Citizenship)* by Clara Maccarald
- *Becoming a U.S Citizen (Crossing the Border)* by Cathleen Small
- *Becoming Citizens: Family Life Politics of Disability* by Susan Schwartzenberg (about Mothers who fought for their U.S. children with disabilities to become members of the Community)
- *On the Border of a Dream: One Mexican Boy’s Becoming an American Surgeon* by Edgar H. Hernandez
- *Your Guide to Becoming a U.S. Citizenship* (Mitchell Lane) by Tammy Gagne
- *Walk Toward the Rising Sun: From Child Soldier to Ambassador of Peace* by Ger Duany