

Teens

Solito: A Memoir

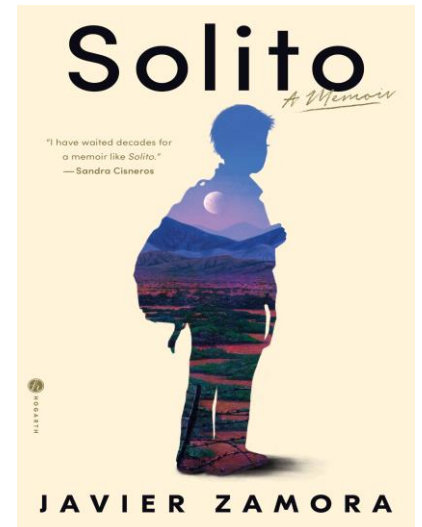
Written by Javier Zamora

An emotional story recounting the journey the author had to take when he was 9 years old to join his parents in America.

Where to Read

Reflection Questions:

1. How would you feel if you had to make such a difficult journey at a young age without your parents?
2. What moments of his journey stuck with you the most?



The Good Lie

A group of Sudanese refugees, given the chance to resettle in the U.S., arrive in Kansas City, Missouri, where their encounter with an employment agency counselor forever changes all of their lives.

Where to Watch

Reflection Questions:

1. Which themes greatly impacted how you felt when you finished the movie?
2. How can this movie's storytelling help spread awareness about issues for refugees?



America's Dreamers

By America Arias

AMERICA'S DREAMERS shares inspiring stories, resources and knowledge from brilliant leaders, entrepreneurs and influential celebrities that are DACA Dreamers.

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Reflection Questions:

1. Which of the stories from this podcast were the most inspiring to you?
2. What common themes or experiences emerge across the different episodes, and how do they reflect the diversity of the American immigrant experience?



Girl at War

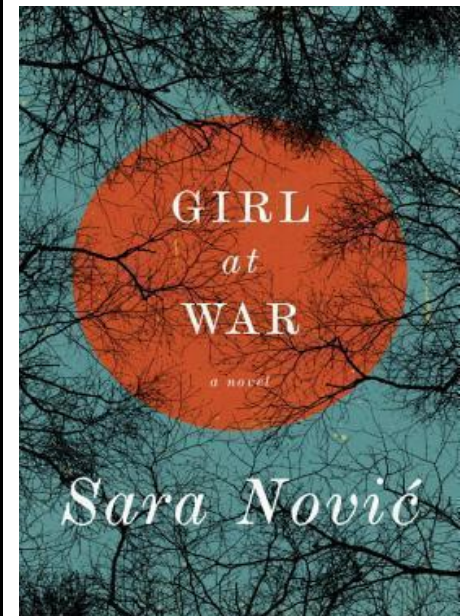
Written by Sara Nović

In 1991, 10 year old Ana Jurić was swept away by civil war, losing her friends and family. She embarks on a daring escape plan to America. Ten years later, Ana is a college student in New York, reminiscing about her past and returns to Croatia to rediscover her past and search for the ghosts of those she lost.

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Reflection Questions:

1. How does this novel affirm or challenge your perceptions of war?
2. What lesson can be learned from this novel about resilience and the power of the human spirit?



When Stars Are Scattered

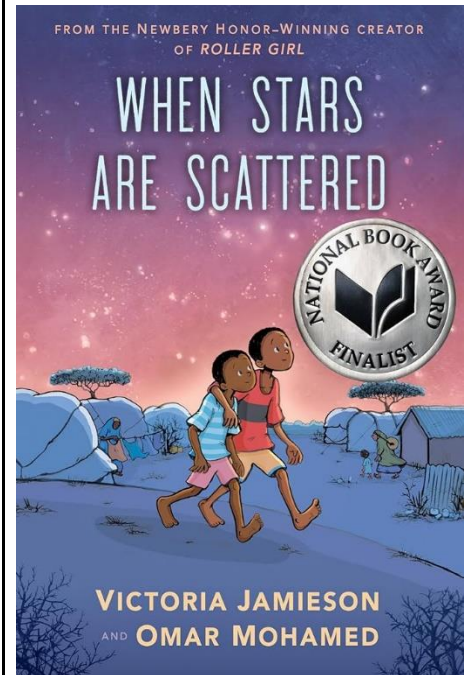
By Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent their lives in a refugee camp in Kenya, waiting for better opportunities. Omar's desire to attend school brings hope and a chance to change their future, but it also means leaving his brother, the only family member he has left, every day.

Where to Read

Reflection Questions:

1. What insights does the novel offer into the daily struggles and routines of life in a refugee camp, including access to education, healthcare, and basic necessities?
2. How does the novel explore the complexities of decision-making and uncertainty for refugees, including the difficult choices they face about whether to stay, seek asylum, or attempt to return home?



Adults

Modern Immigrant

By Vero

This podcast interviews guests with different histories with immigration and shares their inspiring stories.

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Reflection Questions:

1. How many of the stories gave you different perspectives on the immigrant experience?
2. What steps can be taken to promote inclusivity for immigrants based on this podcast?



The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears

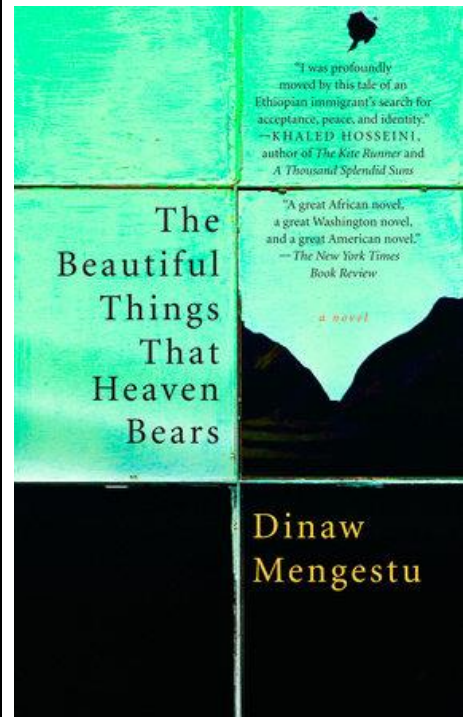
By Dinaw Mengestu

Sepha Stephanos, a former Ethiopian Revolution refugee, now runs a struggling grocery store in Washington, D.C., with fellow African immigrants. Despite his isolation, he finds hope in a friendship with neighbors Judith and Naomi, but faces racial incidents that threaten his future.

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Reflection Questions:

1. How can the theme of isolation in this novel relate to the immigrant experience in America?
2. In what ways does the novel explore the complexities of friendship, community, and belonging among immigrants and long-time residents?



Behold the Dreamers

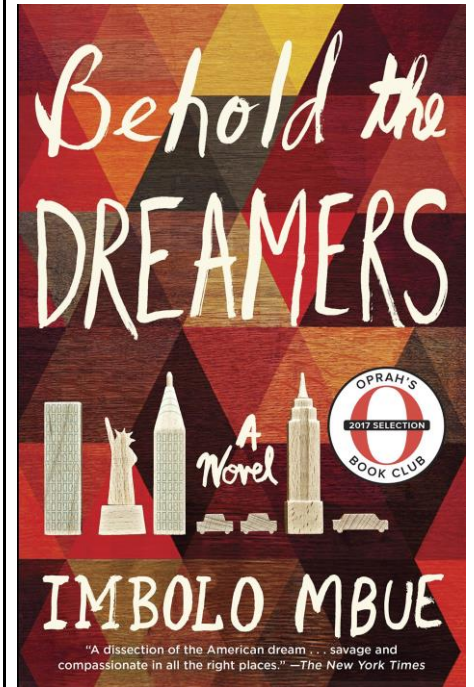
By Imbolo Mbue

Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant, arrives in the United States to provide a better life for himself, his wife Neni, and their son. However, their lives are upended when the financial collapse of Lehman Brothers, the company he works for, disrupts their marriage and their lives.

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Reflection Questions:

1. How do the characters' aspirations and struggles reflect the complexities of the immigrant experience in America?
2. What parallels can be drawn between the Jonga family and the struggles faced by immigrants in modern society?



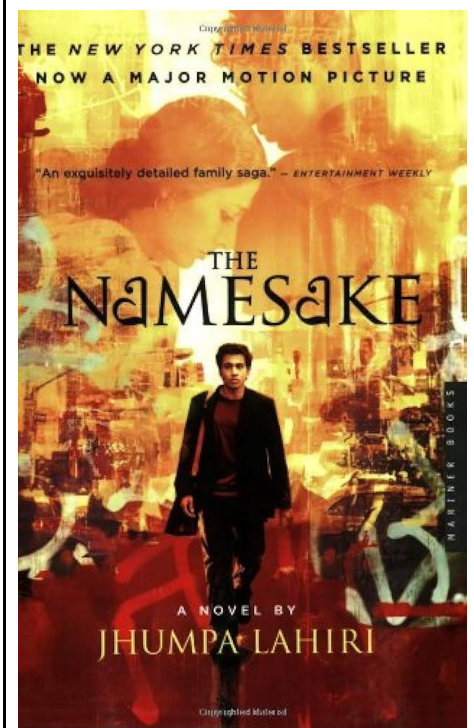
The Namesake

After moving from Calcutta to New York, members of the Ganguli family maintain a delicate balancing act between honoring the traditions of their native India and blending into American culture. Although parents Ashoke and Ashima are proud of the sacrifices they make to give their offspring opportunities, their son Gogol strives to forge his own identity without forgetting his heritage.

Where to Watch

Reflection Questions:

1. What role does memory and nostalgia play in shaping the characters' perceptions of their past, their homeland, and their sense of self?



Mosaic

By The Public's Radio

Media Recommendations

Mosaic is a podcast about immigration and identity, with a focus on the true, personal, and often unbelievable stories of immigrants and migrants living in New England.

[Where to Listen](#)

Reflection Questions:

1. How have the personal stories shared on the podcast expanded your understanding of immigration and its impact on individuals and communities?
2. How does the podcast shed light on the intersectionality of immigration with other social issues, such as race, class, gender, and religion?



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