

Historical Fiction Picture Books

IMMIGRANT STORIES

The following titles are located in the Picture Book (JE) Collection, alphabetically under the author's last name.

Aliki. [Marianthe's story one](#)

Mari's family leaves their home country in search of a better life.

Broyles, Anne. [Shy mama's Halloween](#)

Anya's shy mother accompanies the children on the first Halloween in their new country.

Bunting, Eve. [One green apple](#)

While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples.

Bunting. [How many days to America?](#)

Refugees from a Caribbean island embark on a dangerous boat trip to America where they have a special reason to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Cohen, Barbara. [Molly's pilgrim](#)

Told to make a doll like a Pilgrim for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly's Jewish mother dresses the doll as she herself dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.

Currier, Katrina. [Kai's journey to Gold Mountain: an Angel Island story](#)

In 1934, twelve-year-old Kai leaves China to join his father in America, but first he must take a long sea voyage, then endure weeks of crowded conditions and harsh examinations on Angel Island.

Fleischman, Paul. [The Matchbox diary](#)

Follow a girl's perusal of her great-grandfather's collection of matchboxes and small curios that document his poignant immigration journey from Italy to a new country.

Hoffman, Mary. [The color of home](#)

Hassan, newly-arrived in the United States and feeling homesick, paints a picture at school that shows his old home in Somalia and the reason his family had to leave.

Johnston, Tony. [Uncle Rain Cloud](#) Carlos tries to help his uncle, who is frustrated and angry at his inability to speak English, adjust to their new home in Los Angeles.

Joose, Barbara. [The morning chair](#)

Bram and his family leave their small brick house in Holland and travel to a new life in New York City.

Kim, Patti. [Here I am](#)

Tells the story in pictures of a family newly immigrated to the United States and the challenges of starting a life in a new place.

Lee, Milly. [Landed](#)

After leaving his village in southeastern China, twelve-year-old Sun is held at Angel Island, San Francisco, before being released to join his father, a merchant living in the area.

Leighton, Maxinne. [An Ellis Island Christmas](#)

Having left Poland and braved ocean storms to join her father in America, Krysia arrives at Ellis Island on Christmas Eve.

Maclachlan, Patricia. [Nora's chicks](#)

Arriving on the American prairie in the hope of making a new home, Nora, a little girl from Russia, struggles with loneliness until Papa brings her a dozen chicks and two geese who follow Nora everywhere she goes.

Mak, Kam. [My Chinatown](#)

A boy adjusts to life away from his home in Hong Kong.

Partridge, Elizabeth. [Oranges on Golden Mountain](#)

When hard times fall on his family, Jo Lee is sent from China to San Francisco, where he helps his uncle fish and dreams of being reunited with his mother and sister.

Yin. [Coolies](#)

A young boy hears the story of his great-great-grandfather and his brother who came to the United States to make a better life for themselves helping to build the transcontinental railroad.

Yum. [This is our house](#)

Follows a family through seasons and generations as the house to which their immigrant grandparents came is transformed into a home.

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