



WASHINGTON: MY HOME - Booklist

These books explore immigrant and refugee journeys, and the question: What makes a place home?

Where Are You From, by Yamile Saied Méndez

Pre-K – 2nd grade.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C3452221>

“When a young girl is asked where she’s from--where she’s really from--she’s no longer as she was. She decides to turn to her dear abuelo for some help with this ever-persistent question. But he doesn’t quite give her the answer she expects.”

The Name Jar, by Yangsook Choi

Grades K – 2.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C2940884>

“On the way to her first day of school, Unhei is teased by the children on the bus for her Korean name. When she reaches her classroom and is asked her name, she tells her classmates that she has not yet decided on one. To be helpful the children put their suggestions into a “name jar.”

Lailah’s Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story, by Reem Faruqi

Grades K – 3.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1576666>

“Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge until she gets some good advice from the librarian, Mrs. Scrabble.”

The Matchbox Diary, by Paul Fleischman

Grades 1 – 5.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1465833>

“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.”

My Diary From Here To There/Mi diario de aqui hasta alla, by Amanda Irma Perez

Grades 1 – 4.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C2157091>

“A young girl describes her feelings when her father decides to leave their home in Mexico to look for work in the United States.”

Coolies, by Yin

Grades 1 – 5.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1269790>

“A young boy hears the story of his great-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.”

The Map of Good Memories, by Fran Nuño

Grades 2 – 5.

<https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C3277389>

“There are places that remind us of happy moments. Zoe, a little girl who has to flee from her city with her family because of a war, remembers them before she leaves. She uses them to draw a ‘map of good memories,’ knowing that they will always be with her.”