

## BOOK AND AUTHOR RECOMMENDATIONS

### Immigrants and refugees

- The book Emily Francis mentioned is [Refugee](#) by Alan Gratz
- BOOKS: [The Undocumented Americans](#) by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio; [Someone Like Me](#) by Julissa Arce; [Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen](#) by Jose Antonio Vargas; Diary of a [Reluctant Dreamer: Undocumented Vignettes from a Pre-American Life](#) by Alberto Ledesma (Cynthia Carvajal)
- [Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds](#)

### Social justice

- The book [How To Be An Antiracist](#) gets into what the speakers are talking about. African immigrants "vs" African Americans
- Zaretta Hammond - [Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students](#)
- [Ruth King](#) and [Rhonda McGee](#) are both authors that address the intersection of Mindfulness and Social Justice (Julie Bradley)
- [The 1619 Project](#), and initiative from the New York Times Magazine, is amazing

### Trauma

- I recommend the book [Trauma Stewardship](#) by Connie Burk and Laura van Dernoot Lipsky as we are in a helping position and can often get inundated with trauma stories from our kiddos

### Literature that centers immigrant and global voices

- LOVE Neruda!
- Or Borges
- Cervantes? Let's go with someone who is not a representative of the Spaniard colonial narrative. Just saying ... and I am from Spain
- Sandra Cisneros
- What about [The Poet X](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo?
- Julia Alvarez
- Gary Soto
- Vivek Shraya
- Alma Flor Ada
- F. Isabel Campoy
- Daniel Chacon ... [The Cholo Tree](#)
- Reyna Grande

- Lada Josefa Kratky
- Edwidge Danticat
- Erika L. Sanchez ... [\*I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter\*](#)
- Jenny Torres Sanchez [\*We Are Not from Here\*](#)
- [\*The Book of Unknown Americans\*](#) - Cristina Henríquez
- [\*Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival\*](#) by Velma Wallis (Gwi'chin)
- Jorge Luis Borges (Steve Burby)
- Someone asked about the poem Amy mentioned. It is the New Colossus (on the Statue of Liberty). Here is a resource that you can use to set up Amy's assignment.  
<https://reimaginingmigration.org/the-emma-lazarus-project/> (Adam Strom)
- Cathy Park Hong - [\*Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning\*](#) is a fabulous Korean-American memoir
- Nnedi Okorafor
- Octavia Butler - there are also Graphic novel versions of [\*Kindred\*](#) and [\*Parable of the Sower\*](#)
- [\*The Arrival\*](#) Shaun Tan - wordless picture book about a migration story

#### Literature tips

- Even within Latinx literature, whose stories are we centering--are we making space for indigenous people, central American, Black Latinx folks, Queer folks, etc. I say this because I don't want Mexican hegemony to overtake our need for diverse latinx voices
- Please also remember representing reading from authors who have disabilities or historical figures who have disabilities.
- [Lee & Low Books](#), a multicultural children's book publisher. They have teacher guides, across grades.
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  - Yes, [@ProjectLITComm](#) has so many wonderful book suggestions!!