



Many Cultures

Books set in the United States

Alegria, Malin

[SOFI MENDOZA'S GUIDE TO GETTING LOST IN MEXICO](#)

Sofi goes to a weekend party in Tijuana and now the border patrol won't let her return to San Diego.

Alexie, Sherman

[THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN](#)

Alcoholism and poverty are what the rest of the world envisions for Junior's future but he has a plan of his own.

Desai Hidier, Tanuja

[BORN CONFUSED](#)

Dimple's manipulative best friend is taking possession of both her boyfriend and her Indian heritage.

[FIRST CROSSING: STORIES ABOUT TEEN IMMIGRANTS](#)

Ten short stories reflecting the diverse teens who have immigrated to the United States.

Flake, Sharon

[BANG](#)

Mann's dad decides that leaving Mann to make his way home from the mountains is the only way his son will learn to survive the violent streets.

McDonald, Janet

[OFF-COLOR](#)

When Cameron realizes she's biracial she's not sure what to make of the knowledge.

Myers, Walter Dean

[AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MY DEAD BROTHER](#)

Jesse pours his heart and soul into his sketchbook to make sense of his sad life.

[Na. An](#)

[WAIT FOR ME](#)

Mina lies to her mom about her grades while falling hard for a new guy.

Reinhardt, Dana

[A BRIEF CHAPTER IN MY IMPOSSIBLE LIFE](#)

Simone makes contact with her biological mother, a former Hasidic Jew.

Volponi, Paul

[BLACK AND WHITE](#)

Best friends, one black and one white, experience very different realities when they enter the juvenile justice system.

Woodson, Jacqueline

[MIRACLE'S BOYS](#)

Three African American brothers are left to cope after the death of their parents.

Yang, Gene Luen

[AMERICAN BORN CHINESE](#)

Alternates three interrelated stories about Chinese American youth.

For a list of books with a Latino/a protagonist, see the ["Latino Life"](#) booklist.

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Books set in other countries

[Alvarez, Julia](#)

BEFORE WE WERE FREE

Anita discovers her family is part of the movement to overthrow the Dominican Republic government.

Compestine, Ying Chang.

[REVOLUTION IS NOT A DINNER PARTY](#)

During the Cultural Revolution, Ling is accused of being bourgeois.

Ellis, Deborah

[I AM A TAXI](#)

Diego's parents are in a Bolivian prison for drug trafficking and now desperation is leading him down the same path.

Hobbs, Will

[CROSSING THE WIRE](#)

Best friends, Victor and Rico, leave the Mexican village to cross the border.

Kessler, Cristina

[OUR SECRET, SIRI AANG](#)

A young Maasai girl befriends a rhino mother. Can she save the mom (and her baby) from poachers?

McCormick, Patricia

[SOLD](#)

Lakshmi is excited to leave her Himalayan home for the big city until she discovers she's been sold to a brothel owner.

Satrapi, Marjane

[PERSEPOLIS](#) (SERIES)

Based on the author's real experiences growing up in Iran.

Sheth, Kashmira

[KOYAL DARK, MANGO SWEET](#)

In Mumbai, India Jeeta's mother drives her crazy.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher

[UNDER THE PERSIMMON TREE](#)

Two lives intersect during the 2001 Afghan War.

Stassen, Jean-Philippe

[DEOGRATIAS: A TALE OF RWANDA](#)

This is the story of the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, told through the life of young Deogratias.

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