Exploring the Experiences of Undocumented Immigrants & Refugees: Fiction for all Ages

**Picture Books**
*Teacup* by Rebecca Young (Dial Books, 2016)
A young boy sets off in a boat, with only a book, a blanket, and some earth from his homeland.

*Mama’s Nightingale* by Edwidge Danticot (Dial Books, 2015)
A Haitian girl, whose mother is detained, finds comfort in story and in her mother’s voice.

**Middle Grade**
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai (Harper Collins 2013)
A ten-year-old Vietnamese refugee struggles to adjust to life in Alabama.

*Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez (Yearling, 2010)
A farm owner’s son befriends an undocumented Mexican girl, and learns her family’s struggles.

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney (Little Brown, 2015)
A Sudanese girl fleeing to a refugee camp finds possibilities in a red pencil that was gifted to her.

**Young Adult**
*Now is the Time for Running* by Michael Williams (Little Brown 2013)
When soldiers attack his small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with his siblings.

*The Good Braider* by Terry Farish (Skyscape 2014)
Told in free verse, this is the story of a Sudanese girl who travels through Egypt as a refugee and into Maine.

*Salt to the Sea & Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys (Philomel 2016 & Speak 2012)
Four teenage refugees in WWII board a boat seeking freedom. / Lina, a Lithuanian girl, is forcibly relocated during WWII

*Kids of Appetite* by David Arnold (Viking 2016)
After the death of his father, Victor – adrift – joins a ragtag group led by two refugee brothers from the Republic of the Congo.

The Red Umbrella, by Christina Diaz Gonzalez (Yearling 2011)
In the early 1960s, Lucia is sent from Cuba to Nebraska as part of Operation Pedro Pan.

*The Secret Side of Empty* by Maria E. Andreu (Running Press 2015)
M.T. has a secret: she’s an undocumented immigrant from Argentina. When the time comes to apply for college, her life unravels.

**Adult**
*Little Bee* by Chris Cleave (Simon & Shuster 2010)
A Nigerian refugee and a London widow build a tenuous friendship.

*The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez (Vintage 2015)
The stories of many Latin American immigrants to the United States interweave in this beautiful novel.

*Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea (Back Bay 2010)
A young woman in Mexico sets off on a quest to bring back those who have migrated.

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