

Grants In Action: Immigrants Stories Reading List

Books:

1. [Grande, Reyna. *The Distance Between Us*](#). An autobiography that explores the complex dynamic between the children that are left in their native country while their parents come to the US to provide a better future, and how the relationship evolves once the children immigrate to the US as well. Also touches upon classism, abuse, trauma, and racism.
2. [Luiselli, Valerie. *Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions*](#). Luiselli speaks of her experiences as a volunteer interpreter in a NY city immigration court. This is a short read, and if you like it, you will like Luiselli's book below.
3. [Luiselli, Valerie. *Lost Children Archive*](#). Luiselli speaks of her volunteering experience working with undocumented refugee children in New York and the issues the children encountered in the host country.
4. [Martinez, Oscar. *The Beast: Riding the Rails and Dodging Narcos on the Migrant Trail*](#). This is one of the few books about Central American immigrants and their terrifying and perilous journey to the land of opportunity.
5. [Mbue, Imbolo. *Behold the Dreamers*](#). A moving story about immigrants from Africa trying to make their way in New York during the 2008 financial crisis.
6. [Pena, Daniel. *Bang*](#). This book demonstrates the intersection of environmental justice, violence, and the abuses endured by farmworkers.
7. [Urrea, Luis Alberto. *The Devil's Highway*](#). This book is a fictionalized account of the dangerous journey of border crossing through the Arizona desert.
8. [Wilkerson, Isabel. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*](#). Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

TV Series:

1. ["Immigration Nation"](#) (2020 series on Netflix) With unprecedented access to ICE operations, as well as moving portraits of immigrants, this docu-series takes a deep look at US immigration today.
2. ["Living Undocumented"](#) (2019 series on Netflix) Eight undocumented families' fates roller-coast as the United States' immigration policies are transformed.

Other Resources:

1. Twitter accounts that provide insightful pieces on immigration, news, and good resources:
 - a. Immigration Initiative at Harvard (IIH) @IIH_Harvard
 - b. Immigration Rights Activists @ImmigrActivists

2. Sign up to the [Migration Policy Institute website](#) to receive articles, brief issues, data studies, and other publications related to immigration. They're short reads and very insightful pieces of information.

3. [President Biden Proposes Path to Citizenship For Nation's Undocumented Immigrants](#) (KQED podcast, 1/25/21). A recent review of the Biden Administration's immigration plan and its potential effects on California.