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Selections from the children's book collection:

Immigrant Experiences

Wishtree. By Katherine Applegate ; illustrated by Charles Santoso. New York, NY : Feiwel and Friends, 2017.

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—People write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. You might say that Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever. Advanced readers.

(j) QK475 .Ap53 2017

Amelia's Road. By Linda Jacobs Altman ; illustrated by Enrique O. Sanchez. New York : Lee & Low Books, c1993.

Tired of moving, Amelia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, feels at home when she discovers an old tree next to a rocky road. Early readers. (j) SB186 .AL79 1993

El Camino de Amelia. Por Linda Jacobs Altman ; ilustrado por Enrique O. Sánchez. New York : Lee & Low Books, c1993.

Tired of moving, Amelia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, feels at home when she discovers an old tree next to a rocky road. Early readers. (j) SB186 .AL79s 1993

Calling the Doves / El canto de las palomas. By Juan Felipe Herrera ; pictures by Elly Simmons. San Francisco, Calif. : Children's Book Press, c1995.

In this bilingual autobiography, the Mexican American poet Juan Felipe Herrera describes his childhood in California as the son of migrant workers. Vibrant illustrations bring Herrera's words to life. Early readers. (j) SB186 .H43 1995

Harvesting Hope : the story of Cesar Chavez. By Kathleen Krull ; illustrated by Yuyi Morales. San Diego : Harcourt, Inc., c2003.

A biography of Cesar Chavez, from age ten with emphasis on their Arizona ranch, to age thirty-eight when he led a peaceful protest against California migrant workers' miserable working conditions. Early readers. (j) SB186 .K939 2003

One Green Apple. By Eve Bunting ; illustrated by Ted Lewin. New York : Clarion Books, c2006. While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples. Advanced readers. (j) SB363 .B886 2006

Morning Glory Monday. By Arlene Alda ; illustrated by Maryann Kovalski. Publication: Toronto, Ontario, Canada : Tundra Books, c2003. A young girl makes her Italian immigrant mother happy by planting morning glories outside their tenement window. Early readers. (j) SB413 M67 AL21 2003

Goldfish and Chrysanthemums. By Andrea Cheng ; illustrated by Michelle Chang. New York : Lee & Low Books, c2003. A Chinese-American girl puts her goldfish into a fish pond that she creates and borders with chrysanthemums in order to remind her grandmother of the fish pond she had back in China. Early readers. (j) SB423 .C421 2003

Xochitl and the Flowers / Xóchitl, la niña de las flores. By Jorge Argueta ; illustrations, Carl Angel. San Francisco, Calif. : Children's Book Press, c2003. Xochitl and her family, newly arrived in San Francisco from El Salvador, create a beautiful plant nursery in place of the garbage heap behind their apartment, and celebrate with their friends and neighbors. Early readers. (j) SB453 .A74 2003

A Place to Grow. By Soyung Pak ; illustrated by Marcelino Truong. New York : Arthur A. Levine Books, c2002. As a father tells his daughter what a seed needs to flourish, he also explains the reasons he emigrated from war-torn Vietnam to a new homeland. Early readers. (j) SB453 .P17 2002

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