Patron Saints of Nothing
by Randy Ribay

Jay journeys to the Philippines to uncover the truth about his cousin’s murder in this gripping and lyrical portrayal of the struggle to reconcile grief and guilt.

The Grief Keeper
by Alexandra Villasante

Marisol never pictured leaving her home in El Salvador under threat of death and stealing across the U.S. border. This is a tender tale that explores the heartbeat when love and humans are branded illegal.

The Field Guide to the North American Teenager
by Ben Philippe

Norris is a black French Canadian who is cynical and possibly too smart for his own good. He knows that doesn’t bode well when you’re moving to Texas.

The Girl Who Smiled Beads
by Clemantine Wamariya

Clemantine tells of fleeing the genocide in Rwanda, eventually struggling to build a new life in Chicago, in this riveting true story of dislocation and survival.

The Dangerous Art of Blending In
by Angelo Surmelis

Evan Pano doesn’t know where he fits in. His strict Greek immigrant mother sees him as a disappointment, while his workaholic father avoids conflict.

Frankly in Love
by David Yoon

Frank Li’s parents expect him to “date Korean.” Then Frank falls for Brit, who is smart, beautiful, and white.

Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience
by Patrice Vecchione and Alyssa Raymond (eds.)

This timely collection by poets from all over the world shares the experience of young adult immigrants and refugees.

Pride
by Ibi Zoboi

Zuri Benitez has pride in her Afro-Latino roots, but pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable.
Dream Country by Shannon Gibney
The story of five generations of young people from one African American family chasing an elusive dream across countries and continents.

Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Darius has never really fit in at home, and is sure things are going to be the same during his first trip to Iran. Then he meets Sohrab, the boy next door, and everything changes.

Butterfly Yellow by Thanhha Lai
Hang comes to Texas as a refugee, searching for the younger brother who was snatched from her arms in the last days of the Vietnam War.

A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi
It’s a year after 9/11, and Shirin has just started at yet another school. It’s a turbulent time for the world, and especially for a 16-year-old Muslim girl who is tired of being stereotyped.

The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees by Don Brown
Shining a light on the stories of the survivors, this graphic novel is both a testament to their courage and a call to action.

Illegal by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin
This graphic novel tells a powerful and timely story of one boy’s epic journey across Africa to Europe. With every step he holds onto his hope for a new life.

Within These Lines by Stephanie Morrill
Evalina Cassano’s life in an Italian-American family in 1941 is everything it should be until she falls in love with Taichi Hamasaki, the son of Japanese immigrants.

The Liars of Mariposa Island by Jennifer Mathieu
This multilayered novel explores the nature of lies and love, following siblings Elena and Joaquin, with flashbacks to their mother’s experience fleeing the Cuban Revolution.

America Border Culture Dreamer by Wendy Ewald
First- and second-generation immigrants to the US from all around the world collaborate with renowned photographer Wendy Ewald to create a stunning, surprising catalog of their experiences from A to Z.

The Liars of Mariposa Island

Forward Me Back to You by Mitali Perkins
Katina and Robin meet during a summer service trip to India to work with survivors of human trafficking. This novel explores the ripple effects of violence and small acts of heroism.

I Was Their American Dream by Malaka Gharib
Malaka’s upbringing is told in this buoyant, insightful graphic memoir, a heartfelt tribute to immigrant families who have invested their future in the promise of the American dream.

The Stars and the Blackness Between Them by Junauda Petrus
Told in two lush and lyrical voices, this debut novel conjures a love that is stronger than hatred, prison, and death.