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- **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
  - Set in the world of basketball, following 2 brothers facing hardship.

- **Home of the Brave** by Katherine Applegate
  - A beautiful look at the experiences of a young refugee who moves from Africa to Minnesota. It is a reminder of humanity. A story of loss and hope and love and discovery.

- **The Weight of Water** by Sarah Crossan
  - A coming of age story, tackling the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Moving but unsentimental, we meet and share the experiences of a remarkable girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails.

- **Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse
  - Set in the heart of the Great Depression. It chronicles Oklahoma’s staggering dust storms, and the environmental--and emotional--turmoil they leave in their path. An unforgettable tribute to hope and inner strength.

- **Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai
  - A moving account of one girl’s journey from war-torn Vietnam to the USA.

- **Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson
  - The author shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement!

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**Other notable authors**
- Sharon Creech - Love that Dog
- Jason Reynolds - Long way down
- Ann E. Burg - Serafina’s Promise
- Andrea Davis Pinkney - The Red Pencil