

Enjoyed THE BRIDGE HOME and want to expand your reading lists?

I listed several wonderful books featuring characters with disabilities on a separate sheet already, but here are a few more "further reading" recommendations that are related (at least in my mind, and I've indicated why within parentheses) to THE BRIDGE HOME.

Within parentheses you'll also see that I've indicated whether I think the titles are suitable for readers who are young adults or in middle grade or upper elementary (and above). This is a bit of a random list, and probably quite biased toward authors whom I've met and liked, but it nonetheless features books that I think are excellent.

CRENSHAW by Katherine Applegate (MG: homelessness)

THE UNDERNEATH by Kathi Appelt (MG: homelessness, violence, forgiveness, friendship)

THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN OCTOPUS by Ann Braden Books (MG: Independence, strong female protagonist)

HOLD FAST by Blue Balliet (MG: homelessness)

LOOKING FOR BAPU by Anjali Banerjee (Upper El: loss)

OLIVER TWIST by Charles Dickens (MG: poverty, courage, hope)

LIGHTNING DREAMER by Margarita Engle (MG: socioeconomic inequality and injustice)

LIBERTAD by Alma Fullerton (YA: poverty, resourcefulness, sibling relationships)

THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF COYOTE SUNRISE by Dan Gemeinhart (MG: loss, family, courage)

BOMBAY BLUES by Tanuja Desai Hidier (YA: Indian culture)

THE NIGHT DIARY by Veera Hiranandani (MG: Indian history)

LETTING GO OF BOBBY JAMES by Valerie Hobbs (YA: domestic violence, homelessness, hope, courage)

ADA'S VIOLIN: THE STORY OF THE RECYCLED ORCHESTRA OF PARAGUAY by Susan Hood (Upper El: poverty, courage, resourcefulness)

PAPER THINGS by Jennifer Jacobsen (MG: homelessness)

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF JOHN SMITH JR. AKA HOUDINI by Peter Johnson (independence)

FINDING MOR by Ruksana Khan (MG: South Asian culture, strong female protagonist)

THE GRAND PLAN TO FIX EVERYTHING by Uma Krishnaswami (Upper El: Indian culture)

SELAVI, THAT IS LIFE: A HAITIAN STORY OF HOPE by Youme Landowne (Upper El: hope)

THE ROUGH PATCH by Brian Lies (Upper El: Loss, Compassion, Healing)

MAMA'S SARIS by Pooja Makhijani (Upper El: Indian culture)

TRASH by Andy Mulligan (YA: poverty)

HOW TO STEAL A DOG by Barbara O'Connor (MG: homelessness)

THANKU poems of gratitude edited by Miranda Paul (Upper El: gratitude)

A SINGLE SHARD by Linda Sue Park (Upper El: homelessness, courage, hope, friendship, finding home and finding family, friends as family)

FORWARD ME BACK TO YOU by Mitali Perkins (YA: poverty, hope, friendship, love, faith, courage)

THE WORD COLLECTOR by Peter H Reynolds (Upper El: love of reading, books and words)

AMAL UNBOUND by Aisha Saeed (MG: child labor, socioeconomic inequity, hope, faith, courage)

THE JUMPING TREE by Renee Saldana Jr. (MG: Socioeconomic inequity)

BOYS WITHOUT NAMES by Kashmiri Sheth (MG: India, child labor)

THE RULES OF SURVIVAL by Nancy Werlin (YA: Surviving domestic violence, siblings)

PET CRAZY Poems edited by Sylvia Vardell and Janet Wong (Upper El: love of animals)

LOUIS ARMSTRONG BEACH by Brenda Woods (MG: Socioeconomic inequity, courage)

PEACE, LOCOMOTION by Jacqueline Woodson (MG: Socioeconomic inequity, loss, siblings, finding home and finding family, friendship, courage)

