

Bibliography: Welcoming the Stranger

Barzelay, Alix. [*Jemmy Button*](#). Somerville, MA: Templar Publishing, 2013.
In the 1800s, a native boy is taken from the islands of Tierra del Fuego to England. He learns about English culture but it never becomes home.

Bell, Cece. [*El Deafo*](#). New York: Abrams, 2014.
This graphic novel follows a girl who is deaf through her elementary school years as she struggles to make friends and come to terms with being different from her peers.

Brown, Peter. [*You Will Be My Friend!*](#) New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2011.
Cultural misunderstandings hinder Lucy's attempts at new friendships.

Bunting, Eve. [*One Green Apple*](#). New York: Clarion Books, 2006.
Farrah feels lonely, different, and lost in her new country. A class field trip helps her find a sense of belonging.

Cannon, Janell. [*Stellaluna*](#). San Diego: Harcourt, Inc., 1993.
Stellaluna the bat becomes separated from his mother and is welcomed by a family of birds. She discovers that she is quite different from the birds, even though they are somewhat alike. Despite their differences, they remain good friends.

Davies, Benji. [*The Storm Whale*](#). New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2013.
A lonely boy does all he can to make a whale who washes up on the shore feel at home.

Fleischman, Paul. [*The Matchbox Diary*](#). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013.
Using items saved throughout his life in matchboxes, a man shares his story of emigrating from Italy to the United States with his great-granddaughter.

Foreman, Michael. [*The Seeds of Friendship*](#). Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2015.
With the help of new friends, Adam changes the gray world of his new home to a colorful city of gardens.

Gleeson, Libby. [*Clancy & Millie and the Very Fine House*](#). Victoria, Australia: Little Hare, 2009.
After moving, Clancy is homesick for the comfort of his old home. While playing with empty moving boxes, Clancy makes a new friend and begins to feel at home.

Ikegami, Aiko. [*Friends*](#). Chicago: Albert Whitman & Company, 2016.
A foreign student struggles to make friends. After making friends, she helps welcome a new foreign student.

Kobald, Irena. [*My Two Blankets*](#). New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.
A refugee is lonely for her familiar home and hides under an old blanket for comfort. She meets a friend in the park who helps her become comfortable in her new home.

Nannestad, Katrina. [When Mischief Came to Town](#). New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.

After her mother dies, Inge Maria moves from the city to an island to live with her grandmother and struggles to fit in in this strange place where children should be seen and not heard. Eventually her presence changes the community for the better.

O'Brien, Anne Sibley. [I'm New Here](#). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2015.

Maria, Jin, and Fatimah struggle to adapt to life in a new country. In the beginning they are alone, confused, and sad. Through courage and new friendships, the three children begin to feel like they are home.

Malone, Cheryl Lawton. [Dario and the Whale](#). Chicago: Albert Whitman & Company, 2016.

A migrant boy and a migrant whale befriend one another after having parallel experiences in a new place.

Preston-Gannon, Frann. [Pepper & Poe](#). New York: Orchard Books, 2015.

Pepper the cat struggles to adjust when a new kitten moves into his home.

Rania, Queen, consort of Abdullah II, King of Jordan. [The Sandwich Swap](#). New York: Disney-Hyperion Books, 2010.

Best friends Salma and Lily fight after they each express their disgust over the other's lunch. They are inspired to host an international food picnic for their school after tasting one another's sandwiches.

Sarah, Linda. [Big Friends](#). New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2014.

Birt loves everything about the two-by-two rhythm of his friendship with Etho. He struggles to adapt when a new boy comes to play with them.

Speare, Elizabeth George. [The Bronze Bow](#). HMH Books for Young Readers, Reissue Edition, 1997.

Recounts the presence of Jesus in a country where the Romans are hated occupiers. Daniel, a Jewish Palestinian, has spent the entire book hating the Romans because their actions have killed two friends. He meets Jesus, who heals his sister, and his life is changed. Meeting Jesus enables him to accept not only a stranger, but an enemy. The book ends with Daniel saying to a Roman soldier, "Come into my house".

Stead, Philip C. [Lenny & Lucy](#). New York: Roaring Book Press, 2015.

Peter is lonely after moving to a new home so he creates friends to protect him and keep him company.

Stewart, Sarah. [The Quiet Place](#). New York: Margaret Ferguson Books, 2012.

Isabel moves with her family from Mexico to the United States. To cope with the loneliness of an unfamiliar place Isabel creates a house of boxes she names the Quiet Place where she goes to feel safe and at home.

Yang, Gene Luen. [American Born Chinese](#). New York: Square Fish, 2006.

This graphic novel explores the experience of a monkey and a boy who both try to transform themselves to fit into a different culture from their own.