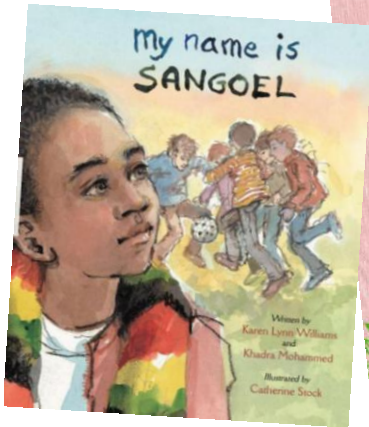


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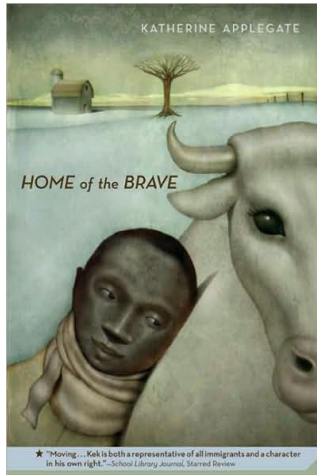
Coming to America: The Immigrant Experience



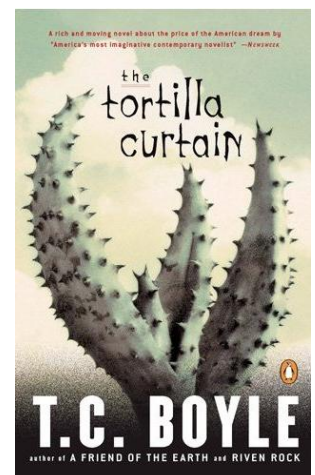
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by Karen Lynn Williams



Upper Elementary:
Little Cricket
by Jackie Brown



Middle Grades:
Home of the Brave
by Katherine Applegate



Teens & Adults:
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by T.C. Boyle

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Hastings Reads is a community-wide reading program that seeks to encourage reading and discussion of books and the ways in which they can help us understand the lives and experiences of ourselves and others. It is planned and sponsored by the United Way of Hastings, the YMCA, AAUW, the Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library, Friends of the Library, OASIS, Hastings schools, the Hastings Public Schools Foundation, the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Gift Foundation, and Community Education.

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Mixed Blood Theater

Friday, Feb. 4
10:00 am
HHS Auditorium

African America by Warren C. Bowles is a play about the surprising appearance of a charming, magical African, who leads a modern interracial couple to better understand and appreciate the experience of immigrants to Minnesota from Liberia, Ethiopia, and Somalia. Seats will be reserved for community members.

Hastings Reads Kick-Off

Saturday, Feb. 5
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Dakota County Pleasant Hill

Enjoy refreshments, prizes, and activities from the Minnesota Historical Society while you learn about Hastings Reads 2011. Excerpts from the elementary, young-adult, and adult book selections will be read aloud, the four books will be available for purchase and checkout, and information on all of our events will be provided. This is an event for your entire family.

Values and Traditions

Feb. 7 – March 7
Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library

We would like to hear your story. Write about a cultural or ethnic value or tradition that your family treasures and plans to continue. Drop off your story at the Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library or email it to hastingsreads@hotmail.com. Selected stories will be printed in *The Hastings Star Gazette*, read on KDWA, and/or displayed at the public library. (Students, check with your teacher to see if he/she is offering extra credit.)

4th and 5th Grade Book Clubs

February
Pinecrest, McAuliffe, and JFK

Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join the book clubs in their schools to discuss *Little Cricket* by Jackie Brown. Check with your school librarian for details!

Middle School Book Club

Mondays-Thursdays, Feb. 7- 24
2:40 pm – 3:30 pm
Middle School (Room 152)

All 6th-8th graders from the community are invited to join the *Home of the Brave* book club. The book club will meet after school every Monday-Thursday between February 7 and February 24. Join us for reading, discussions, activities, and snacks. See you in room 152!

Guest Speaker

Wednesday, February 16
7:00 pm
Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library

Gregg Aamot, author of *The New Minnesotans*, will visit Hastings to talk about the immigrant experience in Minnesota. (Students, check with your English, Spanish, and social teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!)

Discussion for HHS Students

Tuesday, Feb. 22
2:30 pm
Media Center

High school students and staff are invited to the media center after school to discuss T.C. Boyle's *The Tortilla Curtain*. The rich symbolism, well-developed characters, and compelling plot will make for an interesting discussion. Start reading the book today. (Students, check with your English, Spanish, and social teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!)

Local Immigrants

Tuesday, Feb. 22
6:30 pm
Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library

Local immigrants of various ages and experiences will gather to form a panel discussion. In addition to responding to a set of prompts, the panel will answer questions from the audience. (Students, check with your English, Spanish, and social teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!)

Family Event

Friday, Feb 25
6 pm – 8 pm
Hastings Area YMCA
(Multipurpose Room)

This event is for families with children in elementary school. In addition to discussing *My Name is Sangoel* and *Little Cricket*, your family will be entertained by Mr. Fun; his Global Games program will actively teach the children games from various countries. Bring your young ones to the YMCA for the perfect combination of pizza, books, and fun. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA, and no registration is required.

Discussion for Adults & Teens

Tuesday, March 1
6:30 pm
Dakota County Pleasant Hill Library

Professor Mark Allistar from St. Olaf College will facilitate a discussion about T.C. Boyle's *The Tortilla Curtain*. Allistar's expertise and Boyle's compelling story will make for a dynamic discussion. (Students, check with your English, Spanish, and social teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!)

Discussion for HHS Students

Tuesday, March 8
2:30 pm
Media Center

High school students and staff are invited to the media center after school to discuss Katherine Applegate's *Home of the Brave*. Start reading the book today. The book's language is poetic, and the main character's introduction to Minnesota is at times funny and at times heart wrenching. (Students, check with your English and social teachers to see if they are offering extra credit!)

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