Stories of Migration Book List

In the exhibition *Stories of Migration: Contemporary Artists Interpret Diaspora*, forty-four artists use needle and thread to relate experiences of migration and diaspora. Much of the world’s richest literature also captures the heartbreak and hopes of migrants and displaced people from the nineteenth century until today. And as the scale of human migration surpasses any level the planet has ever known, scholarship on displacement has become ever more abundant.

Lynora Williams, librarian at the museum’s Arthur D. Jenkins Library, has compiled this eclectic sampling of fiction, nonfiction, maps, and online resources capturing the facts and feelings of the immigrant experience. All of the textile titles are available in the museum’s library; the majority of the other resources can be found through GW Libraries.

Textile Stories


*Empire of Cotton: A Global History.* Beckert, Sven. New York: 2013. This acclaimed work of political economy focuses primarily on trade but does not ignore the human dislocation caused by the quest for cotton.

Fiction

*Call it Sleep.* Roth, Henry. New York: Picador, 2005 (originally published in 1934). The coming of age story of the son of Jewish immigrants in New York City - now considered a classic.


Nonfiction


Maps


Online

Forced Migration Review. www.fmreview.org. This free quarterly magazine is published in four languages by the Oxford University Refugee Studies.

The African Diaspora in the Indian Ocean World. An online exhibition mounted by the New York Public Library’s Schomburg Center for Black Culture. exhibitions.nypl.org/africansindianocean/index2.php