

PS 39 Diversity and Inclusion Book of the Month: May

Theme: Immigration and Migration

Book Title: Dreamers
By Yuyi Morales

Grade Level: K / 1st

Book Summary:

Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story in this picture-book tribute to the transformative power of hope...and reading.

In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the US with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed.

She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams...and her stories.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the book about? Did the front cover provide any hints about the story?
- What happens with the woman and her child?
- Why do you think the woman and child left their home?
- What does it mean when the narrator says, “we became immigrants”? Do you know what it means to be an immigrant?
- What kinds of things were unfamiliar to the woman and her child—that they had to find out and learn on their own?
- Have you ever been in a place that you were unfamiliar with? What happened? How did it feel?
- What special place do the woman and her child find?
- How do the woman and child feel about the library, books and reading? How can you tell they feel that way?
- What does it mean to “make our voices heard”? How do you make your voice heard?
- What do you think will happen to the woman and child?
- Why are they dreamers?
- A butterfly can be seen on the cover of the book as well as in many of the illustrations throughout. Why do you think this is an important detail?
- What do you think is the overall message of the book?