



A Club for Kids Who Love Books

## If Esperanza “Rises” to the top of your list of favorite books...

then try these other great reads for more adventure, struggle, and victory.

***Atticus of Rome, 30 B.C.*** by Barry Denenberg

A young boy has been captured and sold as a slave to an aristocrat who's looking for a spy. Will Atticus be able to untangle a web of lies and stop a murderous plot?

***Blue Jasmine*** by Kashmira Sheth

When Seema moves from India to Iowa City, she leaves behind not only her beloved grandparents, but everything familiar, from food to clothes.

***Call Me Maria*** by Judith Ortiz Cofer

Poems, letters, and prose tell the story of a young girl's journey from Puerto Rico to New York City.

***The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child***

and ***Breaking Through*** by Francisco Jiménez

Two books tell a true story of struggle and triumph. The first traces the author's migration from Mexico to “El Norte” and follows the family's journey from one farm to the next. In the second book, the author relives the hardship and prejudice his family faced as migrant farm laborers.

***The Diving Bell*** by Todd Strasser

Growing up on an island off the Yucatan Peninsula, Culca is forbidden to be a pearl diver like her brother. But a desperate situation forces her to use her knowledge of the sea to try to save her brother's life.

***Going Home*** by Nicholasa Mohr

Felita longs to visit the land her Abuelita told so many stories about. But once she arrives in Puerto Rico for the summer, things are not as she expected.

***Homeless Bird*** by Gloria Whelan

At the age of 13, Koly must leave her family for an arranged marriage to a boy she's never met. But circumstances change dramatically after the wedding and she takes an unexpected journey toward finding herself.

***Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism*** by Georgia Byng

Molly Moon's life at the horrid British orphanage changes forever when she happens upon a book in the library about hypnotism.

***Survival in the Storm: The Dust Bowl Diary of Grace Edwards, Dalhart, Texas, 1935*** by Katelan Janke

In this book from the popular Dear America series, readers step into the life of one young girl growing up during the Great Depression.

***Taking Sides*** by Gary Soto

Lincoln Mendoza just wants to play basketball, but moving from the poor inner city to a wealthier — and mostly white — neighborhood brings up issues that can't be solved on the court.

Also by the author of *Esperanza Rising*:

***Becoming Naomi León*** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Naomi's quiet life with Gram is shattered when her mom shows up and wants Naomi to live with her. Will a search for Naomi's father in Mexico help her situation, or just make it more complicated?

***Riding Freedom*** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Growing up in an orphanage, Charley connects more with horses than with the strict staff. The horses might just hold the key to her freedom.