

# THE SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FORCED MIGRATION

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## Human Migration in Film

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How far in the world can 10 films about migration take you? How many countries would you see? How many oceans? How many people? Take twenty seconds, close your eyes, and guess. The answer is 34 but that isn't the only answer. Chances are, we didn't get the same answer. Even in films, migration is hard to quantify. Just one story of forced migration can span the globe.

This list is a collection of movies and films of forced human migration. It includes films of different genres, budgets, and agendas. Even if you do not find yourself drawn to every film, each pulls you into the world of forced migration. Films are available in a variety of places. Libraries, Streaming Services, etc. You can watch them at home, on your phone, on television, nearly everywhere, anytime, and in any format. However, not everyone has access to all of any of those places. Regardless of where you find these films, their importance is always the stories they tell and places they migrate to and through.

### *Lion* (2016), directed by Garth Davis

- Places: Burhanpur, India; Khandwa, India; Calcutta, India; Hobart, Tasmania; Melbourne, Australia

### *Mi Familia/My Family* (1995), directed by Gregory Nava

- Places: Los Angeles, United States; Mexico; U.S. Mexico Border

### *Island of the Hungry Ghosts* (2018), directed by Gabrielle Brady

- Places: Christmas Island

### *And Breathe Normally* (2018), directed by Isold Uggadottir

- Places: Guinea-Bissau; Reykjanes Peninsula, Iceland; Canada

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*For Sama* (2019), directed by Waad Al-Kateab and Edward Watts

- Places: Aleppo, Syria

*The Colors of the Mountain* (2010), directed by Carlos Cesar Arabealaez

- Places: Columbia

*Human Flow* (2017), directed by Ali Weiwei

- Places: [Over 20 countries](#) including Idomeni Camp, Greece; Nizip Camp, Gaziantep, Turkey; and Beirut, Lebanon.

*Avalon* (1990), directed by Barry Levinson

- Places: Russia; Baltimore, Maryland, USA

*Persepolis* (2007), directed by Marjane Satrapi and Vincent Paronnaud

- Places: Persepolis; France; Tehran, Iran; England; Vienna, Austria; Caspian Sea

*The Golden Door/Nuovomondo* (2007), directed by Emanuele Crialese

- Places: Sicily, Italy; Ellis Island, NY, USA; Atlantic Ocean