

Storm Reyes: The conditions (1) _____ pretty terrible. I once (2) _____ someone that I (3) _____ to fight with a knife long before I (4) _____ how to ride a bicycle. And when you are grinding day after day after day, there is no room in you for hope. There's nothing to aspire to except filling
your hungry belly.

That's how I (5) _____ raised. But when I (6) _____ 12, a bookmobile (7) _____ to the fields. And you have to understand that I (8) _____ allowed to have books, because books are heavy, and when you're moving a lot you have to keep things just as minimal as possible. So when I first (9) _____ this big vehicle on the side of the road, and it (10) _____ filled with books, I immediately stepped back. Fortunately when the staff member (11) _____ me, kind of (12) _____ me in, and (13) _____ , "These are books, and you can take one home. "I'm like, "What's the catch?"
And he (14) _____ to me there (15) _____ no catch.
Then he (16) _____ me what I (17) _____ interested in.
And the night before the bookmobile (18) _____ , in the camps, there (19) _____ an elder who (20) _____ us about the day that Mount Rainier (21) _____ . So I (22) _____ the bookmobile person that I (23) _____ a little nervous about the mountain blowing up. And he (24) _____ , "You know, the more you know about something, the less you will fear it."
And he (25) _____ me a book about volcanoes. And then I (26) _____ a book about dinosaurs. I (27) _____ "Oh, that looks neat." So he (28) _____ me a book about dinosaurs. And I (29) _____ them home, and I devoured them. I (30) _____ them, I

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And I (31) _____ back in two weeks and (32) _____ more questions.

And he (33) _____ me more books and that (34) _____ it.

That (35) _____ me that hope (36) _____ not just a word.

And it (37) _____ me the courage to leave the camps.

That's where the books (38) _____ the difference.

By the time I (39) _____ 15,I (40) _____ there (41) _____ a world outside of the camps.

I (42) _____ I could find a place in it.

And I (43) _____ .

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