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Border Crossings

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On a warm, starry night, the pathways of migrating animals are blocked by the "ugly scar" of a border wall. Creatures seeking mates and food and grounds to roam find themselves blocked, imperiling "some of the richest habitats of North America." Lush, nature-attentive illustrations flesh out this somber reality, depicting Sonoran desert stretches in shadow and sun, ocelots and other fauna with glowing eyes, and tempting spaces just beyond the creatures' reach, alerting young readers to the ranging consequences of choosing to block borders off.

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