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for you was a performative action done by Kathleen Bitetti on December 18th, 2011 to commemorate International Migrants Day. Bitetti left nine copies of Upton Sinclair's book, *The Jungle*, at historical and/or contemporary Boston sites that were or still are key travel/connecting points for immigrants, migrants, travelers, and commuters. This is a book by an American author that helped to change and create our country's public policy. Each copy of the book had an anonymous letter/explanation text that was placed inside a envelope with the words *For You* stenciled on it. Both the envelope and book were put inside a clear ziplock bag. Bitetti also sewed into each book her favorite victorian guardian angel image.

Bitetti's interest in immigration/migration is both personal and political. She was born in Boston and is a second generation American. Her family on both sides immigrated from Europe (Italy and Poland) to the U.S. in the early 1900's. Immigrants have been and are still key to the United States economic growth and expansion. An important fact that has been lost in the current U.S. debate on immigration reform. If you are one of the people who found one of these books, she hopes that after you read it, that you share it with others. *For more info on Bitetti: www.kathleenbitetti.com*

Bitetti's December 18th 2011 Book Log (Boston, MA, USA):

Left South Boston starting point at 10:09am and walked to the Broadway Redline MBTA train station.

1. Airport/MBTA Blue Line Airport Stop - 11:09am - Left the book on a stone & metal bench inside the T stop. The bench faces the street. This MBTA station first opened in 1952.
2. Long Wharf - 11:31am - Left the book on a black metal bench outside of the Chart House Restaurant. This wharf has been operating for commercial and passenger travel since 1721.
3. Rowe's Wharf - 11:41 am - Left the book outside the door of 20 Rowe's Wharf Residences in a large planter. The commercial wharf was first established in 1764. Passenger ferry services operated from this wharf from 1875-1950's and reopened in the mid to late 1980's.
4. North Station - 12:04pm - Left the book on a wooden bench in the Commuter Rail/Amtrak waiting area. This site officially opened in 1893 as North Union Station, but prior to that station opening, this site had four separate train stations in the area.
5. Back Bay - 12:25pm - Left the book on a stone bench in Commuter Rail/Amtrak waiting area. This site was build in 1899 and rebuilt in 1929. It was the site for the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Stations.
6. 10 St. James Avenue/Place - 12:35pm - Left the book on a bright cobalt blue metal chair in the eating/waiting area of the joint lobby/public space area. This site, until the early 1990's, housed the Boston bus terminals for many of the national and regional bus lines.
7. Park Square - 12:41pm - Left the book near the outdoor public Christmas tree on a stone circular bench type structure. Park Square was the train station for both the Boston and Providence railroads, but was closed after South Station opened in 1899.

Headed back to South Boston via the number 9 Bus to get the suitcases and other materials for Movement 4 Massachusetts 2pm Group Public Performance at South Station. Took a cab back to South Station.

Performance lasted for about an hour or so- folks hung around till around 2:45pm inside South Station. Had long late lunch/early dinner with Gail A. Burton at the Blue Dinner.

8. South Station Bus Terminal - 5:12pm - Left the book upstairs on a bench in the area where the food court and the ticket counters are located. The bench is directly across from the escalators and stairs entrance/landing to 2nd floor. In 1993 all intercity bus service was relocated to the South Station Bus Terminal.

9. South Station Train Station - 5:21pm - Left the book on a metal chair near the book store in the public waiting/eating area. The South Station rail terminal opened in 1899 and was rebuilt in 1985. South Station is New England's second largest transportation center. Logan Airport is the largest.

Headed back to South Boston via the Redline.