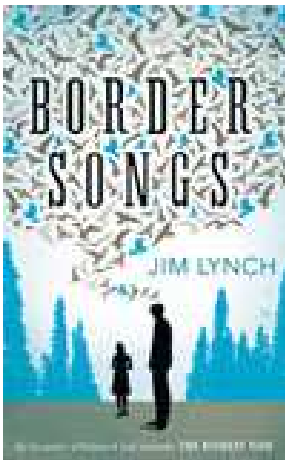


## **Border Songs by Jim Lynch**



Border Songs is a story of contrary destinies that are further complicated by the border that separates them. Brandon Vanderkool's extreme dyslexia and height give him a peculiar perspective, which proves handy once his father pushes him off their Washington dairy farm into the Border Patrol. Though he used to just jump over the ditch into British Columbia, he's uncomfortable in this uniformed role and instead indulges his obsession with birds and art while incidentally spotting smugglers and illegal immigrants who are provoking an already paranoid society. Drug mansions in the Canadian highlands peer down into berry farms that might offer convenient routes into the American market, where politicians clamor for increased security. And overseeing everything is a mysterious masseuse who knows everybody's secrets.