

Picture Books about Refugees & Newcomers Children & Families

Where are you from?

By Yamile Saied Mendez

When other children and their parents keep asking a young girl where she is from, she puts the same question to her grandfather who describes the land and people from which her family originated.

Four Feet, Two Sandals

By Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed

Two girls in a refugee camp each claim one sandal of a donated pair. Together they solve the problem of having four feet and two sandals and are reminded that friendship is what is most important.

Handa's Hen

By Eileen Brown

Handa and her friend Akeyo find two fluttery butterflies round the hen house, three stripy mice under the grain store, four little lizards behind the pots . . . but where is Grandma's black hen? Available in 21 dual language editions.

The Swirling Hijaab

By Na'ima bint Robert

An endearing story about the way a young Muslim girl feels about the hijab, or headscarf, that her mother wears.

The Colour Of Home

By Mary Hoffmann

The story of a refugee child from Somalia who struggles to adjust to life and school in his new country.

My Name is not Refugee

By Kate Milner

A young boy discusses the journey he is about to make with his mother. They will have to say goodbye to friends and loved ones, and that will be difficult. They will have to walk and walk and walk, and although they will see many new and interesting things, it will be difficult at times, too.

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My Mom is a Foreigner, but not to me

By Julianne Moore

A foreign mom may eat, speak, and dress differently than other moms – she may wear special clothes for holidays, twist hair in strange old-fashioned braids, and cook recipes passed down from grandma. Such a mom may be different than other moms, but...she is also clearly the best.



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Apple Pie and Onion

By Judith Caseley

Although she is embarrassed when her grandmother reminisces with an old friend in public, Rebecca loves her and enjoys hearing stories about her grandmother's life in America when she first came from Russia.

The Two Blanket

By Irena Kobald

A homesick little girl who has recently moved to an unfamiliar country comfort herself by clinging to an old blanket. When she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture.

Out

By Angela May George

A brave little girl and her mother escape a war-torn land. On a difficult sea voyage there is little to eat, but there is abundant love and caring. Her adopted country offers a safe place to live, a new school, and supportive friends.

Saffron Ice Cream

By Rashin Kheiriyeh

Rashin is an Iranian immigrant girl living in New York, excited by her first trip to Coney Island, and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs between her native Iran and her new home – but she misses the saffron flavoured ice cream that she used to eat.

Where Will I Live?

By Rosemary A. McCarney

This stunning photo-based picture book for younger readers looks at the thousands of children around the world who have been forced to flee war, hunger, sickness, and natural disasters – young refugees on the move with very little left except questions. The final message is that children, even with uncertain futures, are resilient and can face uncertainty with optimism.

The Journey

By Francesca Sanna

What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope.

Lost and Found Cat: the True Story of KunKush's incredible Journey

By Doug Kuntz & Amy Shrodes

A family travels away from their war-torn home, with their cat KunKush in tow. As the family arrives in Greece, their cat is lost but is eventually returned to them by helpful strangers.



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