



Refugee Week 16 June – 22 June 2024



2024 Theme – *Finding Freedom: Family*

Across the world millions of people live in fear for themselves, their family, their community, and their way of life. War and violence, political and religious persecution, natural disasters, and the effects of climate change are seriously impacting many of the world's people. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) states that at the end of 2022 108.4 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced because of these events.

Throughout history there have been refugees, people forced to flee their homes and their country. Increased violence and wars, political and religious intolerance along with worldwide population growth has seen the number of people seeking refuge and asylum grow exponentially in the last 100 years.

Many refugees and asylum seekers are finding it increasingly difficult to find a safe and permanent haven where individuals and families can live without fear and be accepted as worthy contributors to their new home.

Refugees - A Select Bibliography

Many of the books listed have entries in our *Cultural Diversity database* or the *Picture Books for Older Readers database*. A link to these entries has been provided. The database entries include an annotation, subject headings or key concepts, Curriculum links and in the PBOR, free online additional resources.

Picture Books (*please notes some of these titles are intended for older readers/students*)

ABDEL-Fattah, Randa. Illustrated by Maxine Beneba Clarke
11 Words for Love Lothian Children's Books, 2022, ISBN: 9780734421203
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/11-words-for-love/>

CAVOURAS, Czenya
Rainbow Bird. Australians Against Racism Inc/Wakefield Press, 2007. ISBN: 9781862547735
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/rainbow-bird/>

CUMMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie
A boy and a ball. Scholastic Press, 2020. ISBN: 9781743812525
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/a-boy-and-a-ball/>

CUMMINGS, Phil. Illustrated by Phil Lesnie
Feathers. Scholastic Press, 2017. ISBN: 9781760157357
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/feathers/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/feathers/>

DENT, Nick. Illustrated by Suzanne Houghton
Goat on a Boat. Omnibus Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781760669164
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/goat-on-a-boat/>

DO, Anh and Suzanne DO. Illustrated by Bruce Whatley
The Little Refugee. Allen & Unwin, 2011. ISBN: 97817423778329
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-little-refugee/>
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DUMBLETON, Mike. Illustrated by Hannah Sommerville
Anisa's Alphabet. MidnightSun Publishing, 2020. ISBN: 9781925227574
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/anisas-alphabet/>
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ESTELA, Lucy. Illustrated by Matt Ottley
Suri's Wall. Penguin Viking, 2015. ISBN: 9780670077755
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/suris-wall/>

FRAILLON, Zana. Illustrated by Grahame-Smith
Wisp: A Story of Hope. Lothian Children's Books, 2018. ISBN: 9780734418043
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/wisp-a-story-of-hope/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/wisp-a-story-of-hope/>

GEMMILL, Stef. Illustrated by Mel Armstrong
A Home for Luna. New Frontier Publishing, 2019. ISBN: 9781925594843
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/a-home-for-luna/>

GEORGE, Angela May. Illustrated Owen Swan
Out. Scholastic Press, 2016. ISBN: 9781743629000
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/out/>

GREDER, Armin
The Island. Allen & Unwin, 2007. ISBN: 9781741752663
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-island/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/the-island/>

GREDER, Armin
The mediterranean. Allen & Unwin, 2018. ISBN: 9781760630959
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-mediterranean/>

HEFFERNAN, John. Illustrated by Andrew McLean
My Dog. Margaret Hamilton Book/Scholastic Australia, 2001. ISBN: 1876289120
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/my-dog/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/my-dog/>

JOLLY, Jane. Illustrated by Elise Hurst
Ali the Bold Heart. Limelight Press, 2006. ISBN: 0975708082
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/ali-the-bold-heart/>
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KOLBALD, Irena. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood
My Two Blankets. Little Hare, 2014. ISBN:9781921714764
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/my-two-blankets/>
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LOFTHOUSE, Liz. Illustrated by Robert Ingpen
Ziba came on a Boat. Puffin Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780143505518
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/ziba-came-on-a-boat/>
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MARIN, Gabiann. Illustrated by Jacqui Grantford
A True Person. New Frontier, 2007. ISBN: 9781921042195
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/a-true-person/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/a-true-person/>

MARSDEN, John. Illustrated by Matt Ottley
Home and Away. Lothian Children's Book, 2008. ISBN: 9780734410566
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/home-and-away/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/home-and-away/>

MILLER, David
Refugees. Lothian Books, 2004. ISBN: 9780734406330
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/refugees/>

RAWLINS, Donna. Illustrated by Heather Potter and Mark Jackson
Wave: for those who come across the sea. Black Dog, 2018. ISBN: 9781925381641
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/waves-for-those-who-come-across-the-sea/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/waves-for-those-who-come-across-the-sea/>

TEMPLE, Kate & Jol. Illustrated by Terri Rose Baynton
Room on our Rock: There are two sides to every story. Scholastic Australia, 2018. ISBN: 9781742764108
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/room-on-our-rock-there-are-two-sides-to-every-story/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/room-on-our-rock/>

THIEBERGER, Gitta. Illustrated by Maria Courtney
The Magic Doll.: a true story. Envirobook, 2005. ISBN: none
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-magic-doll/>

THOMPSON, Colin (editor) Illustrated by various illustrators.
Dust: Save the Children. ABC Books in conjunction with Save the Children Australia, 2007.
ISBN:9780733320736
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/dust-save-the-children/>
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/dust/>

VESCIO, Robert. Illustrated by Andrea Edmonds
The Voyage. EK Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781925820034
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-voyage/>

WALKER, Bic
A Safe Place to Live. Bic Walker, 2011. ISBN: 97806465652163
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/a-safe-place-to-live/>

WHEATLEY, Nadia. Illustrated by Armin Greder
Flight. Windy Hollow Books, 2015. ISBN: 9781922081483.
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/flight/>
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WILD, Margaret. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood
The Treasure Box. Penguin/Viking, 2013. ISBN: 9780670073658
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-treasure-box/>
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YOUNG, Rebecca. Illustrated by Matt Ottley
Teacup. Scholastic Australia, 2015. ISBN:9781743623848
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/teacup/>
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ZAHRI, Inda Ahmad. Illustrated by Anne Ryan
Salih. Ford Street Publishing, 2021. ISBN: 9781925804645
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/salih/>

Novels

ATKINS, Clare
Between Us. Black Inc, 2018. ISBN: 9781760640217
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/between-us/>

BRAXTON-SMITH, Ananda
Plenty: A place to call home. Black Dog Books, 2014. ISBN: 9781742032429
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/plenty/>

CASWELL, Brian and CHIEM, David Phu An
Only the Heart. University of Queensland Press, 1997. ISBN:070222927X
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/only-the-heart/>

CHASE, Diana
No More Borders for Josef. Fremantle arts Centre Press, 2006. ISBN: 1921064374
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/no-more-borders-for-josef/>

COURTNEY, Bryce
The Family Frying Pan. Illustrated by Ann Williams. William Heinemann Australia. ISBN: 0855616997
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-family-frying-pan/>

Dark Dreams: Australian Refugee Stories by young writers ages 11-20 years. Edited by Sonja Dechian, Heather Millar and Eva Sallis. Wakefield Press, 2004.
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FRAILLON, Zana
The Bone Sparrow. Lothian, 2016. ISBN: 9780734417138
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-bone-sparrow/>

FRANCKE, Gunhild. Illustrated by Richard Kennedy
Last Train West. Hodder and Stoughton, 1977. ISBN: 0340221607
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/last-train-west/>

GOODE, Katherine (for the Children's Interest Bureau)
Jumping to Heaven: Stories about Refugee Children. Wakefield Press, 1997. ISBN: 1862544271
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/jumping-to-heaven-stories-about-refugee-children/>

GRANT, Neil

The Ink Bridge. Allen & Unwin, 2012. ISBN: 9781742376691

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/the-ink-bridge/>

KIDD, Diana. Illustrated by Mei Yim Low

Onion Tears. Puffin Books, 1989. ISBN: 0140347356

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/onion-tears/>

MATTINGLEY, Christobel. Illustrated by Elizabeth Honey

Asmir in Vienna. Puffin Books, 1995. ISBN:0140380353.

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/asmir-in-vienna/>

MURPHY, Sally. Illustrated by Sarah Davis

Worse Things. Walker Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781760651657

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/worse-things/>

ORR, Wendy. Illustrated by Donna Rawlins

Across the Dark Sea. National Museum of Australia Press, 2006. ISBN: 1876944452

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/across-the-dark-sea/>

TOLBERT, Steve

Stepping Back. Addison Wesley Longman, 1996. ISBN: 0582809649

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/stepping-back/>

Non-Fiction

AHMET, Safdar

Still alive: notes from Australia's immigration detention system. Twelve Panels Press, 2021. ISBN: 9780980593730 (Note this is a graphic novel suitable for older students)

KIM, Jinyoung and Patawaran, Sabrina. Illustrated by Emma Ismawi

Anti-Racism Kit: A Guide for High School Students. Hardie Grant Children's Publishing, 2024. ISBN: 9781761211171

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/cd-database/anti-racism-kit-a-guide-for-high-school-students/>