

# Children's Books about the Refugee, Migrant, & Immigrant Experience

Compiled by the Wayland Library Children's room staff

## The Quiet Place

by Sarah Stewart & David Small

A little girl moves to the United States from Mexico with her family and writes letters to her aunt about her new life.



## The Map of Good Memories

by Fran Nuño & Zuzanna Celej

A poignant farewell to home with memories of good times and hope for the future.



## Dreamers

by Yuyi Morales

Morales writes about her journey as a young mother from Mexico to the United States, and how she began to realize her dreams.



## I Know Here

by Laurel Croza & Matt James

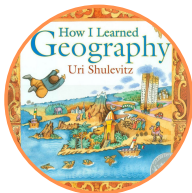
A girl plans to draw a picture of her home in rural Saskatchewan before moving with her family to Toronto.



## How I Learned Geography

by Uri Shulevitz

A young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life by studying his father's world map.



Based on Shulevitz's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

## Why Am I Here?

by Constance Ørbeck-Nilssen & Akin Duzakin

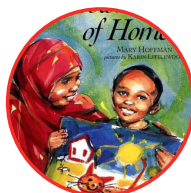
A young girl imagines her life in many different places and circumstances, but realizes that wherever she is, she will be at home.



## The Color of Home

by Mary Hoffman & Karin Littlewood

Hassan, newly arrived in the United States and feeling homesick, paints a picture that shows his old home in Somalia, and the reason why his family had to leave.



## My Two Blankets

by Irena Kobald & Freya Blackwood

A young refugee in an unfamiliar country comforts herself with an imaginary blanket made of words from home.



A new friend helps her start a new blanket made of words from her adopted country.

## The Journey

by Francesca Sanna

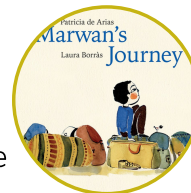
With stunning illustrations and told in the voice of a child, this is the story of a mother and her two children's journey from a country at war towards a new home.



## Marwan's Journey

by Patricia de Arias & Laura Borràs

A poetic tale of one young boy's journey from his destroyed home towards an uncertain future and the hopes he carries with him.



## Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey

by Margriet Ruurs & Nizar Ali Badr

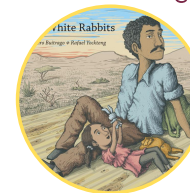
Illustrated with photographs of stones, and told in English and Arabic, this is the story of one family's journey from war-torn Syria to Europe.



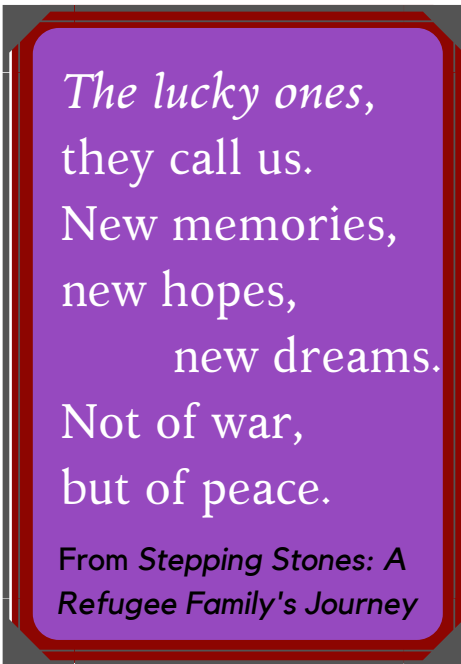
## Two White Rabbits

by Jairo Buitrago & Rafael Yockteng

Counting the animals by the road and the clouds in the sky helps a little girl pass the time as she and her father travel north through Mexico towards the United States' border.



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## King of the Sky

by Nicola Davies & Laura Carlin

A young Italian immigrant living in Wales finds comfort from his neighbor's racing pigeons. When one of the pigeons finds its way back from Rome, the boy realizes that he, too, is at home.



## My Beautiful Birds

by Suzanne Del Rizzo

Sami, a Syrian boy living in a refugee camp, mourns his pet pigeons and the home he was forced to leave behind. While living in a refugee camp, new birds come to him helping him heal.



## Three Balls of Wool

by Henriqueta Cristina & Yara Kono

Exiled from their homeland, a young girl and her entire family are unhappy about the monochrome sweaters all children wear until Mom decides to make a change.



## La Frontera: My Journey With Papa

by Deborah Mills, Alfredo Alva & Claudia Navarro

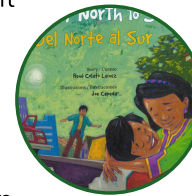
The true story of a boy and his father's immigration from Mexico to Texas. Told in Spanish and English.



## From North to South

by René Laínez & Joe Cepeda

When his mother is sent back to Mexico for not having the proper immigration papers, José and his father travel from San Diego, California, to visit her in Tijuana. Told in English and Spanish.



## Teacup

by Rebecca Young and Matt Ottley

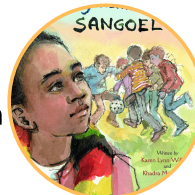
A boy travels across the sea in a rowboat in search of a new home, making a journey that is long and difficult-- but also filled with beauty and hope.



## My Name is Sangoel

by Karen Lynn Williams, Khadra Mohammed & Catherine Stock

A young Sudanese refugee reclaims his name after feeling lost in "big and open and free" America.



## Spectacularly Beautiful

by Lisa Lucas & Laurie Stein

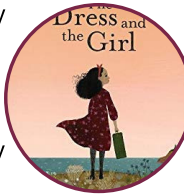
A teacher helps one of her students, a refugee child who is scarred from violence, see that she is spectacularly beautiful.



## The Dress and the Girl

by Camille Andros & Julie Morstad

A little girl and her favorite dress have extraordinary adventures together, but when the girl emigrates from Greece to the United States they are separated, and the dress travels the world searching for her.



## From Far Away

by Robert Munsch, Saoussan Askar & Rebecca Green

This is the story of how 7-year-old Soussan Askar, a refugee from war-torn Lebanon, began to adjust to her new life in Toronto.



## Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey

by Doug Kuntz, Amy Shrodes & Sue Cornelison

The true story of how a refugee family from Iraq is reunited with their beloved pet cat.



## The Treasure Box

by Margaret Wild & Freya Blackwood

When war forces people to flee their homes, young refugee Peter keeps safe the book his father cherished more than gold and rubies.



## Me and My Fear

by Francesca Sanna

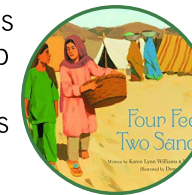
Moving to a new country causes this young girl's fear to grow, but when she makes friends in her new school, her fear diminishes.



## Four Feet, Two Sandals

by Karen Lynn Williams, Khadra Mohammed & Doug Chayka

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers.



## What Can a Citizen Do?

by Dave Eggers & Shawn Harris

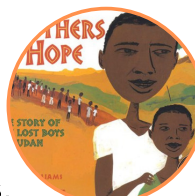
Rhyming text explores citizenship, showing readers how engaged action, can help create community.



## Brothers in Hope

by Mary Williams & R. Gregory Christie

Garang, 8, orphaned by the Sudanese civil war leads 35 other boys as they seek safety in Ethiopia, then Kenya, and finally in the United States.



## Imagine

by Juan Felipe Herrera & Lauren Castillo

This breathtaking poem by former U.S. poet laureate Herrera will speak to every reader and dreamer searching for a place in life.

