



# Books to Support Schools of Sanctuary

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F/KS1	Author	Title
		<b>Dreams of Freedom</b> Just as wonderful to use with older children too (not to mention adults!), this is an inspiring collection of thoughts about freedom from famous people, each illustrated by a different fabulous artist.
	Addison, Amanda; illus. Adreani, Manuela	<b>Boundless Sky</b> Beautiful illustrations to pore over in this story comparing the journeys of a migrating bird and a refugee child fleeing war. Contrasts the apparent freedom of the bird up high with the human struggles below.
	Barroux	<b>Welcome</b> An amusing picture book which nevertheless conveys an important message
	Baum, Giles	<b>The Red Suitcase</b> Charming, sweet story of a small dragon on a long hazardous journey, always clutching his suitcase. What can it contain that is so important? Ultimately a hopeful tale, great for KS1.
	Booth, Anne; illus. Sam Usher	<b>Refuge</b> A lovely version of the Christmas story which reminds us how this new family had to flee persecution
	Deacon, Alexis; Schwarz, Viviane	<b>A Place to Call Home</b> This light-hearted picture book tells the story of a family of young mice, who having grown too big for their small home bravely embark on a hazardous journey to find a new one.
	Graham, Bob	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b> A sweet, gentle story which conveys both the enormity and at the same time the inter-connectedness of our world
NF	Gravel, Elise	<b>What is a Refugee?</b> After a stark description of the plight of refugees, with matching severely dramatic illustrations, the tone softens with the words of some refugee children and brief biogs of some now famous former refugees.
	Hoffman, Mary; illus. Karin Littlewood	<b>The Colour of Home</b> Warm colours and a gentle story convey the strangeness of life in a new country, and contrast with the horrors a little boy has left behind in his old life

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NF	McCarney, Rosemary	<b>Where Will I Live?</b> Stunning photographs from the UN High Commission for Refugees convey the plight of children around the world who are forced to leave their home. There is minimal text, as the pictures say it all.
NF	McQuinn, Anna; illus. Ben Frey	<b>My Friend Jamal</b> Joseph's friend Jamal come originally from Somalia, and when they visit each other's homes they discover interesting differences in their respective cultures.
	Meddour, Wendy	<b>Lubna and Pebble</b> There is something very appealing to many children about small stones and pebbles, and this sweet picture book takes up that theme with a young refugee girl adopting a pebble as a 'friend' she can talk to.
	Milner, Kate	<b>My name is not Refugee</b> Looks at fleeing a country through a young child's eyes, and also asks the reader directly, how they would feel in similar circumstances.
	Morley, Ben; illus. Carl Pearce	<b>The Silence Seeker</b> Lots to discuss in this sad picture book set in a big city, where a little boy strikes up a brief friendship with his new neighbour, a silent boy who disappears as suddenly as he appeared.
	Riddell, Chris (illus.)	<b>My Little Book of Big Freedoms</b> Very simple statements are accompanied by Riddell's distinctively powerful illustrations.
NF		<b>We Are All Born Free</b> Each of the 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been illustrated by a different artist, making this a beautiful and important book, with proceeds going to Amnesty International.
NF	Spilsbury, Louise; Kai, Hanane	<b>Children in our World</b> A series which simply and sympathetically explains those concepts and words we hear so much in the news, such as 'poverty' and 'racism'
NF	Ventura, Mame; illus. Beidi Guo	<b>Kunkush; the true story of a refugee cat</b> Could be a way in to the refugee predicament for young children, this is an attractive picture book about a lost cat being reunited with his refugee family after a long search.

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	Boyce, Frank Cottrell	<b>Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth</b> This brilliant story can be looked at from so many angles, covering lots of 'issues', yet it is first and foremost simply a great read.
	Bilston, Brian	<b>Refugees</b> This is a single poem with collage type illustrations which starkly sets out contrasting views on refugees, and which will open up lots of discussion.
NF	Brundle, Charlotte	<b>'World Issues' series</b> Includes titles on refugees and immigrants, with up-to-date information but which will need adult input.
NF	DePrince, Michaela & Elaine; illus. Ella Okstad	<b>Ballerina Dreams</b> A true story about a ballerina whose story began as an orphan in war-torn Sierra Leone. Told for younger children with plenty of colour illustrations.
NF	Do, Anh & Suzanne; illus. Bruce Whatley	<b>The Little Refugee</b> Interesting to read about a former refugee's experiences in a different country, in this case Australia, described in picture book format.
	Garland, Sarah	<b>Azzi in Between</b> A warmly sympathetic story of a refugee family, told in graphic novel form.
	Gleitzman, Morris	<b>Once</b> The first in a fabulous series of harrowing novels about a Jewish boy's experiences in Germany in WW2.
NF	Glynne, Andy creator; illus. Tom Senior	<b>Seeking Refuge series</b> Originally a BBC series of animated films about children fleeing different situations around the world. Simple text and stylised illustrations open them up to a wide age range.
	Kerr, Judith	<b>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</b> Now a classic, based on Kerr's own experience as a young child, fleeing Hitler's Germany.

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	Kim, Patti; illus. Sonia Sanchez	<b>Here I Am</b> A wordless picture book about a child migrating to a new country, based on the author's own experiences. Lots to discuss.
	Laird, Elizabeth	<b>Welcome to Nowhere</b> We follow young Omar from his home in Syria through gruelling times as he and his family have to flee the war. The novel ends in hope, but with no clear cut answers – it is down to us as host country to be welcoming and receptive and to give the story the happy ending it deserves.
	Lewis, Jill; illus. Jo Weaver	<b>A Story Like the Wind</b> This novella is a story within a story. As a boat full of refugees drifts precariously across the sea, stories and music keep up spirits. Beautifully told and illustrated.
	Magorian, Michelle	<b>Goodnight Mister Tom</b> Classic story of an evacuee in WW2 shows a different form of enforced escape to refuge which often felt alien and strange. Lots of other stories and non-fiction on evacuees.
	Martins, Isabel Minhós; Carvalho, Bernardo P.	<b>Don't Cross the Line!</b> An hilarious visual metaphor, which could also be used with younger children, showing the arbitrariness of some rules made by bullies of all ages and nationalities.
	Millard, Glenda	<b>Plum Puddings and Paper Moons</b> One of a gentle, attractive series about a family in Australia. This title involves new friend Anik, a refugee.
	Mitchell, Pratima; Binch Caroline	<b>Petar's Song</b> The war which forces Petar and his family to leave their country in this picture book was probably the Bosnian conflict, but the impact and effect on the refugees is as relevant today.

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	Morpurgo, Michael; illus. Quentin Blake	<b>Didn't We Have a Lovely Time!</b> A tiny souvenir and celebration of 40 years of the Morpurgos' city farm project, featuring a Vietnamese refugee boy whose speech and confidence are helped by a horse on the farm.
	Naidoo, Beverley	<b>The Other Side of Truth</b> A harrowing but ultimately uplifting story of two brave children abandoned in London after fleeing their home country of Nigeria. Naidoo's <i>Journey to Jo'burg</i> is another classic well worth sharing with children.
NF	Ogden, Charlie	<b>Our Values series</b> Titles include Human Rights & Liberty. Difficult topics are treated as clearly as possible, with plenty of illustrations, but probably best with adult input.
NF	Robinson, Anthony	<b>Gervelie's Journey</b> There are others in this now old series about child refugees, but this one involves a child who came to Norwich and found sanctuary here.
	Sanna, Francesca	<b>The Journey</b> Award winning picture book depicting a family having to flee their country, demonstrating how easily this could be any of us.
	Serraillier, Ian	<b>The Silver Sword</b> Classic novel set in the Second World War, about a resilient group of young people forced to hide in wrecked Poland, who go in search of their scattered families.
NF	Serres, Alain trans. Sarah Ardizzone; illus. Aurélia Fronty	<b>I Have the Right to be a Child</b> Based on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, this could be used in conjunction with other resources to look at human rights struggles etc.
NF	Spilsbury, Louise	<b>Kindertransport</b> The harrowing story, illustrated from the National Archive, of the removal of Jewish children from their families in Nazi Germany to refuge in Britain.

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KS3+	Author	Title
	Bessora trans. Sarah Ardizzone; illus. Barroux	<b>Alpha: Abidjan to Gare du Nord</b> A graphic novel account of a man's desperate attempt to travel from Ivory Coast to rejoin his family in France. Note: there are descriptions of prostitution etc.
	Bradman, Tony (ed)	<b>Give Me Shelter</b> A collection of short stories on the theme of escape from war or persecution, some written by refugees themselves
	Cross, Gillian	<b>After Tomorrow</b> English people are having to escape to France through the Channel Tunnel. Clever way for reader to feel empathy
	Fraillon, Zana	<b>The Bone Sparrow</b> About an unusual friendship struck up between a refugee in a detention centre and a lonely girl on the 'outside', depicted with kindness and courage
	Green, Julia	<b>The House of Light</b> This is a thought provoking read with wonderful characters set in a dystopian future. A girl lives quietly alone with her grandfather until a ragged boy turns up in a boat. Finding out who he is, where he's from and why he's having to hide leads them all into danger.
	Hollingsworth, Alyssa	<b>The Eleventh Trade</b> Set in Boston, USA, an Afghan boy and his grandfather are trying to settle into a new life after escaping a suicide bomb which killed the rest of their family. Friendships are tested when Sami determines to retrieve a stolen musical instrument.
	Millard, Glenda	<b>The Stars at Oktober Bend</b> First love between a girl with a traumatic history and a refugee from Sierra Leone.
NF	Rosen, Michael; Young, Annemarie	<b>Who Are Refugees and Migrants?</b> Explanations of why people leave their homes and countries, with personal stories from famous people
	Sepetys, Ruta	<b>Salt to the Sea/Between Shades of Gray</b> Both these harrowing novels tell of displacement through war. Grueling but fascinating lesser known aspects of history
	Zephaniah, Benjamin	<b>Refugee Boy</b> A young boy from war-torn Africa has to survive on his own in London.



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KS1	Ayto, Russell	<b>My Friend Joe</b> An attractive story in Collins Big Cat strand
KS1	Barroux	<b>Where's the Elephant?</b> Colourful stylish puzzle picture book concerned with the environment
KS1	diCamillo, Kate illus. Jaime Kim	<b>La La La</b> A simple picture book celebrating friendship
KS1	Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise	<b>Owl Bat Bat Owl</b> An amusing picture book demonstrating tolerance when a seemingly very different family moves in as neighbours
KS1	Pett, Mark	<b>The Girl and the Bicycle</b> Warm story about a girl working hard to raise money to buy a beautiful bicycle
KS1/2	Aesop illus. Pinkney	<b>The Lion and the Mouse</b> Lovely wordless version of this fable
KS1/2	Dematons, Charlotte	<b>The Yellow Balloon</b> Detailed illustrations showing a slightly fantastical world from high above the ground; loads to look at
KS1/2	Kim, Patti	<b>Here I Am</b> Story charts an immigrant boy's progress in adapting to a very different culture and surroundings
KS1/2	Lawson, Jon Arno illus. Sydney Smith	<b>Footpath Flowers</b> Gentle story of a child and parent on a walk





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KS1/2	Staake, Bob	<b>Bluebird</b> Stylised two-tone pictures in cartoon format tell a gentle story about friendship
KS2	Baker, Jeannie	<b>Mirror</b> All her wordless picture books are wonderful, but this stands out in this particular list through its ingenious parallel depiction of 2 boys' everyday life at opposite ends of the world
KS2	Becker, Aaron	<b>Quest</b> First in a trilogy of wordless fantastical stories set in a magical world on the other side of a door
KS2/3	Tan, Shaun	<b>The Arrival</b> Classic portrayal of the hardships and struggles encountered by refugees and displaced people, whatever their backgrounds and reasons for emigrating
KS2/3	Tregonning, Mel	<b>Small Things</b> Slightly hard to follow, with hard themes of mental health, anxiety and depression in a child, but has striking illustrations and could be very helpful
KS2	Wiesner, David	<b>Flotsam</b> This illustrator is a master at illuminating wordless stories. This one connects children from around the world (though sea theme may need to be treated with caution)
KS3	Greder, Armin	<b>The Mediterranean</b> Tough images of immigrants trying to cross the sea

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