



do 1 thing



1 refugee without hope
is too many.



UNHCR
Merrion House
1-3 Fitzwilliam St. Lower
Dublin 2
01 6314510
iredu@unhcr.org

Read a Book About Refugees

There is a great variety of books written about refugees - including award-winning fiction – and books by refugees themselves. Why not borrow one of these from your local library or buy one from your local book shop?

Do you have a book club? Maybe you would consider adding one of these titles to the reading list.

Autobiography:

Alek: Sudanese Refugee to International Supermodel *Author: Alek Wek. Publisher: Virago Press Ltd.* A powerful celebrity autobiography from one of the world's leading supermodels. Wek was born in war-torn Sudan and witnessed violence from a young age. The book charts her journey from Sudan to the UK and US as her highly successful fashion career begins.

Factual:

My Childhood Under Fire: A Sarajevo Diary *Author: Nadja Halilbegovich. Publisher: Kids Can Press Ltd.* Nadja was only 12 when war broke out in Bosnia. In this book she shares pages of her diary in a powerful first-hand account of the life of a child living through conflict.

Human Cargo *Author: Caroline Moorehead. Publisher: Chatto & Windus (2005).* An extraordinary investigation into the fate of the 17 million people currently displaced from their homes, giving voices to refugees and asylum seekers in countries such as Afghanistan, Liberia and Sudan, as well as immigration officials and staff at the UNHCR.

Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees *Author: Deborah Ellis. Publisher: Groundwood Books.* This frank and harrowing account of young victims of the Iraqi war involves interviews with 24 young people, most of them refugees living in Jordan. Their resilience is inspiring.

Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, an American Town *Author: Warren St John. Publisher: Fourth Estate.* An inspiring story about a single season for a football team in Clarkson, Georgia made up of refugee children. The Southern American town's designation in the 1990s as a refugee settlement centre made it home to scores of families in flight from the world's war zones - from Liberia and Sudan to Iraq and Afghanistan. Luma Mufleh, a Jordanian woman sets up a youth football team to unify the refugee children and to keep them off the streets.



1 refugee without hope
is too many.



UNHCR
Merrion House
1-3 Fitzwilliam St. Lower
Dublin 2
01 6314510
iredu@unhcr.org

Fiction:

The Kite Runner *Author: Khaled Hosseini. Publisher: Bloomsbury.* Now a major new film, *The Kite Runner* is a deeply moving debut novel. The book tells the story of boyhood friendship cut across class boundaries. Their relationship is imaginatively told against the backdrop of social upheaval in Afghanistan.

A Thousand Splendid Suns *Author: Khaled Hosseini. Publisher: Bloomsbury*

This powerful novel chronicles three decades of Afghan history as it tells a story of family and friendship.

Purple Hibiscus *Author: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Publisher: Harper Perennial.* An impressive debut novel about the promise of freedom and the blurred lines between childhood and adulthood in Nigeria told through the eyes of a 15-year-old girl.

Refugee Boy *Author: Benjamin Zephaniah. Publisher: Bloomsbury.*

A powerful and popular novel telling the story of a young boy left in the UK by his parents to start a better life away from the political problems in Ethiopia. The story deals with his experience in a strange new country and how, through help from social services, the Refugee Council and his foster parents, he adjusts to his new life in the UK.

What Is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng *Author Dave Eggers. Publisher: Penguin.* This novel is based on the real-life story of Achak Deng, a young Sudanese refugee who was separated from his family during the Second Sudanese Civil War and is forced to flee.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit *Author: Judith Kerr. Publisher: HarperCollins.* In 1933 a young Jewish girl is forced to flee to Switzerland with her family as Hitler is elected to office. The story tells of their struggle to adapt to a new life as a refugee family.

The Other Hand *Author: Chris Cleave. Publisher: Sceptre.*

Little Bee, a 16-year-old Ibo girl from Nigeria has fled her country and is being held in a UK immigration detention centre. This is a powerful and sometimes shocking novel which explores complicated subjects in an accessible manner.

Other :

Persepolis *Author: Marjane Satrapi. Publisher: Pantheon Books.* This graphic novel is about a young girl growing up in revolutionary Iran. Now a motion picture, this poignant, and often humorous, memoir tells the story of coming of age against the backdrop of life under a fundamentalist regime.

Can you recommend another book about refugees or written by a refugee? Email us at kennedy@unhcr.org and let us know. We'll add it to our list!