



Books to Support Schools of Sanctuary

The following is a list of books which can support you in the delivery of your schools of sanctuary vision.

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F/KS1	Author	Title
		Dreams of Freedom 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.
	Barroux	Welcome An amusing picture book which nevertheless conveys an important message
	Booth, Anne; illus. Sam Usher	Refuge A lovely version of the Christmas story which reminds us how this new family had to flee persecution
	Deacon, Alexis; Schwarz, Viviane	A Place to Call Home 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	Vanilla Ice Cream A sweet, gentle story which conveys both the enormity and at the same time the inter-connectedness of our world
	Hoffman, Mary; illus. Karin Littlewood	The Colour of Home 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
NF	McCarney, Rosemary	Where Will I Live? Stunning photographs from the UN High Commission for Refugees graphically 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.

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	Milner, Kate	My name is not Refugee 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	The Silence Seeker 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.)	My Little Book of Big Freedoms Very simple statements are accompanied by Riddell's distinctively powerful illustrations.
NF		We Are All Born Free 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	Children in our World A series which simply and sympathetically explains those concepts and words we hear so much in the news, such as 'poverty' and 'racism'

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KS2	Author	Title
	Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth 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.
NF	Brundle, Charlotte	'World Issues' series Includes titles on refugees and immigrants, with up-to-date information but which will need adult input.
NF	DePrince, Michaela & Elaine; illus. Ella Okstad	Ballerina Dreams 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	The Little Refugee Interesting to read about a former refugee's experiences in a different country, in this case Australia, described in picture book format.
	Garland, Sarah	Azzi in Between A warmly sympathetic story of a refugee family, told in graphic novel form.
	Gleitzman, Morris	Once The first in a fabulous series of harrowing novels about a Jewish boy's experiences in Germany in WW2.
NF	Glynne, Andy crea- tor; illus. Tom Senior	Seeking Refuge series 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	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit 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	Here I Am A wordless picture book about a child migrating to a new country, based on the author's own experiences. Lots to discuss.
	Laird, Elizabeth	Welcome to Nowhere 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	A Story Like the Wind 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	Goodnight Mister Tom 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.	Don't Cross the Line! 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	Plum Puddings and Paper Moons One of a gentle, attractive series about a family in Australia. This title involves new friend Anik, a refugee.
	Mitchell, Pratima; Binch Caroline	Petar's Song 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	Didn't We Have a Lovely Time! 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	The Other Side of Truth 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	Our Values series 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	Gervelie's Journey 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	The Journey Award winning picture book depicting a family having to flee their country, demonstrating how easily this could be any of us.
	Serrailier, Ian	The Silver Sword 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	I Have the Right to be a Child 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	Kindertransport 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	Alpha: Abidjan to Gare du Nord 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)	Give Me Shelter A collection of short stories on the theme of escape from war or persecution, some written by refugees themselves
	Cross, Gillian	After Tomorrow English people are having to escape to France through the Channel Tunnel. Clever way for reader to feel empathy
	Frailon, Zana	The Bone Sparrow 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
	Millard, Glenda	The Stars at Oktober Bend First love between a girl with a traumatic history and a refugee from Sierra Leone.
NF	Rosen, Michael; Young, Annemarie	Who Are Refugees and Migrants? Explanations of why people leave their homes and countries, with personal stories from famous people
	Sepetys, Ruta	Salt to the Sea/Between Shades of Gray Both these harrowing novels tell of displacement through war. Gruelling but fascinating lesser known aspects of history
	Zephaniah, Benjamin	Refugee Boy A young boy from war-torn Africa has to survive on his own in London

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