

Books by refugees and/or with themes of displacement

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Children	Swimming Toward a Dream: Yusra Mardini's Incredible Journey from Refugee to Olympic Swimmer By: Reem Faruqi	<i>A courageous tale of an athlete, refugee, and hero who inspired the world with her resolve to pursue her Olympic dream.</i>	
Children	Tani's New Home By: Tani Adewumi	<i>Tani Adewumi's true story of immigrating to America, developing his talent for chess, and finding a new home.</i>	Refugee Voice
Children	The Most Beautiful Thing By: Kao Kalia Yang	<i>A warmhearted and tender true story about a young girl finding beauty where she never thought to look.</i>	Refugee Voice
Fiction	All the Light We Cannot See By: Anthony Doerr	<i>A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Now a Netflix Limited Series</i>	
Fiction	Exit West By: Mohsin Hamid	<i>An astonishingly visionary love story that imagines the forces that drive ordinary people from their homes into the uncertain embrace of new lands,</i>	
Fiction	The Boat People By: Sharon Bala	<i>An extraordinary novel about a group of refugees who survive a perilous ocean voyage only to face the threat of deportation amid accusations of terrorism</i>	
Fiction	What is the What By: Dave Eggers	<i>Based on the life of Valentino Achak Deng who, along with thousands of other children — the so-called Lost Boys—was forced to leave his village in Sudan at the age of seven and trek hundreds of miles by foot, pursued by militias, government bombers, and wild animals, crossing the deserts of three countries to find freedom.</i>	
Fiction	In the Sea There Are Crocodiles By: Fabio Geda	<i>A story of hope and survival of a 10-year old boy who, in order to survive and left to fend for himself, undertakes a harrowing journey from Afghanistan to Italy.</i>	
Fiction	The Sympathizer By: Viet Thanh Nguyen	<i>A gripping spy novel, an astute exploration of extreme politics, and a moving love story, The Sympathizer explores a life between two worlds and examines the legacy of the Vietnam War in literature, film, and the wars we fight today.</i>	Refugee Voice
Fiction	The Refugees By: Viet Thanh Nguyen	<i>Short stories about a young Vietnamese refugee who suffers profound culture shock, a woman whose husband is suffering from dementia, a girl living in Ho Chi Minh City whose older half-sister comes back from America – a captivating testament to the dreams and hardships of immigration.</i>	Refugee Voice
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Fiction	The Shadow King By: Maaza Mengiste	<i>A gorgeously crafted and unputdownable exploration of female power, and what it means to be a woman at war.</i>	Refugee Voice
Fiction	Planet of Clay By: Samar Yazbek	<i>A surreal depiction of the horrors taking place in Syria, through the eyes of a young girl named Rima, in vivid and poetic language and with a sharp eye for detail and beauty.</i>	Refugee Voice
Fiction	The Kite Runner By: Khaled Hosseini	<i>The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed.</i>	UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Refugee Voice
Fiction	A Thousand Splendid Suns By: Khaled Hosseini	<i>A portrait of a wounded country and a story of family and friendship, of an unforgiving time, an unlikely bond, and an indestructible love.</i>	UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Refugee Voice
Fiction	And the Mountains Echoed By: Khaled Hosseini	<i>Crossing generations and continents, moving from Kabul, to Paris, to San Francisco, to the Greek island of Tinos, a moving story about the bonds that define us and shape our lives, the ways in which we help our loved ones in need, how the choices we make resonate through history and how we are often surprised by the people closest to us.</i>	UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Refugee Voice
Graphic Novel	The Kite Runner: A Graphic Novel By: Khaled Hosseini	<i>The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed.</i>	UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Refugee Voice
Memoir	Those We Throw Away are Diamonds, A Refugee's Search for Home By: Mondiant Dogon	<i>A stunning and heartbreaking lens on the global refugee crisis, from a man who faced the very worst of humanity and survived to advocate for displaced people around the world</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	Asylum: A Memoir & Manifesto By: Edafe Okporo	<i>A moving, dramatic and urgent call to action for immigration justice by a Nigerian asylee and global gay rights and immigration activist.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	My Name is Tani...and I Believe in Miracles By: Tani Adewumi	<i>Tani and his parents tell us their incredible true story of sacrificing everything for family, living with nothing but hope, and then sharing generously all they received to discover the greatest riches of all.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	A Man of Two Faces By: Viet Thanh Nguyen	<i>Acknowledging larger stories of refugeehood, colonization, and ideas about Vietnam and America, the author rewinds the film of his own life and explores the necessity of both forgetting and of memory.</i>	Refugee Voice

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Memoir	Night By: Elie Wiesel	<i>Night is the terrifying record of Elie Wiesel's memories of the death of his family, the death of his own innocence, and his despair as a deeply observant Jew confronting the absolute evil of man.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	The Girl Who Smiled Beads By: Clemantine Wamariya	<i>A riveting story of dislocation, survival, and the power of the imagination to save us</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir By: Kao Kalia Yang	<i>Kao Kalia Yang chronicles her family's journey from Laos to America, exploring Hmong culture and refugee experiences while detailing their struggles adapting to a new place and language</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	Where the Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life By: Kao Kalia Yang	<i>A mesmerizing and hauntingly beautiful memoir about a Hmong family's epic journey to safety told from the perspective of the author's incredible mother who survived, and helped her family escape, against all odds.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father By: Kao Kalia Yang	<i>The Song Poet is a love story -- of a daughter for her father, a father for his children, a people for their land, their traditions, and all that they have lost.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	The Translator: A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur By: Daoud Hari	<i>The Translator tells the remarkable story of a man who came face-to-face with genocide--time and again risking his own life to fight injustice and save his people.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	The Lightless Sky: A Twelve-Year Old Refugee's Extraordinary Journey Across the World By: Gulwali Passarlay	<i>A gripping, inspiring, and eye-opening memoir of fortitude and survival—of a twelve-year-old boy's traumatic flight from Afghanistan to the West—that puts a face to one of the most shocking and devastating humanitarian crises of our time.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	Call Me American By: Abdi Nor Iftin	<i>The incredible true story of a boy living in war-torn Somalia who escapes to America – first by way of the movies; years later, through a miraculous green card.</i>	Refugee Voice
Memoir	Butterfly: From Refugee to Olympian – My Story of Rescue, Hope, and Triumph By: Yusra Mardini	<i>The inspiring story of how one woman saved fellow refugees from drowning – and how she went on to become an Olympic swimmer.</i>	UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Refugee Voice
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Nonfiction	What We Remember Will Be Saved: A Story of Refugees and the Things They Carry By: Stephanie Saldaña	<i>Eggplant seeds, a lullaby in a vanishing language, an embroidered dress. When people flee their homes, the things they save speak of beauty and suffering and the indomitable human spirit.</i>	
Nonfiction	The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You By: Dina Nayeri	<i>The Ungrateful Refugee recalibrates the conversation around the refugee experience. Here are the real human stories of what it is like to be forced to flee your home, and to journey across borders in the hope of starting afresh.</i>	Refugee Voice