

RECOMMENDED READING



6 to 9 Year Olds

Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan by Mary Williams, Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

8-year-old Garang, orphaned by a civil war in Sudan, finds the inner strength to lead other boys as they trek thousands of miles seeking safety in Ethiopia, then Kenya, and finally in the United States. (Lee & Low Books)

The Roses in my Carpets by Rukhsana Khan, Illustrated by Ronald Himler

When a young boy and his mother and sister come to a refugee camp to escape the war in Afghanistan, he finds some comfort in the beauty of the carpets he is learning to weave. (Holiday House)

To Be a Kid by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko

Text and photographs from countries around the world illustrate some of the activities children everywhere have in common. (Shakti for Children/Charlesbridge)

The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story by Pegi Deitz Shea, Illustrated by Anita Riggio

The story of a Hmong girl's experience in a Thai refugee camp and her optimism for the future. (Boyd's Mill Press)

9 to 12 Year Olds

A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World in association with UNICEF

A look at what life is like for children from different countries and how each child can fulfill his or her hopes and ambitions no matter their circumstances. (Dorling Kindersley)

A Song for Cambodia by Michelle Lord, Illustrated by Shino Arihara

The true story of Arn Chorn-Pond and his struggle for survival after being separated from his family when the Khmer Rouge invades his village. (Lee & Low Books)

Dia's Story Cloth by Dia Cha, Illustrated by Chii Thao Cha and Nhia Thao Cha

Dia Cha's personal memories her family's long journey to freedom as depicted in a traditional Hmong story cloth stitched by her aunt and uncle. (Lee & Low Books Inc./Denver Museum of Natural History)

I Dream of Peace: Images of War by Children of Former Yugoslavia by Maurice Sendak

This anthology of pictures, poems, and letters by young people of the former Yugoslavia depicts their war experiences and puts a personal face to the news headlines of refugees and genocide in the Balkans. (HarperCollins)

Rwanda: Fierce Clashes in Central Africa photos by John Isaac, text by Keith Greenburg

A UN staff photographer presents an overview of Rwanda's history, focusing on the civil war between the Hutus and the Tutsis, and the struggle of a young refugee. (Blackbirch Press)

12 to 14 Year Olds

The Clay Marble by Minfong Ho

In the late 1970s, twelve-year-old Dara reaches a refugee camp in war-torn Cambodia and becomes separated from her family. (Farrar Straus Giroux)

The Lost Boys of Natinga: A School for Sudan's Young Refugees by Judy Walgren

Daily life at Natinga, a refugee camp and school established in 1993 in southern Sudan for boys forced from their homes by that country's Civil War. (Houghton Mifflin)

The Year of Impossible Goodbyes by Sook Nyul Choi

Ten-year-old Sookan tells of her family's experience during the Japanese occupation of Korea. She and her brother are separated from their mother as they try to escape to join their father in South Korea. (Houghton Mifflin)

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic

Compared by some to that of Anne Frank, the diary of 11-year-old Zlata documents the war in Sarajevo and the collapse of her surrounding world. (Penguin)

Teens & Adults

A Thousand Hills: Rwanda's Rebirth and the Man Who Dreamed It by Stephen Kinzer

The true story of current Rwandan President and former refugee, Paul Kagame. (Wiley)

One Day the Soldiers Came: Voices of Children in War by Charles London

Insights to the world of refugee children, celebrating their unique skills for survival and reflection. (Harper/Perennial: HarperCollins)

Stolen Voices: Young People's War Diaries, from World War I to Iraq edited by Zlata Filipovic and Melanie Challenger

An inspiring collection of children's war diaries provides a compelling window into life during conflict. (Penguin)

They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky: The Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan by Benjamin Ajak, Benson Deng, Alephonsian Deng, Judy Bernstein

Forced from their tribal homes as young boys during the Sudanese civil war, the Deng brothers and their cousin Benjamin recall their childhood experiences as refugees and later resettlement in the United States. (PublicAffairs)

FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, PLEASE VISIT:

Torn From Home exhibit website

<http://www.TornFromHome.org>

UNHCR Educational Resources

<http://www.unhcr.org/help/407ff1382.html>

USA for UNHCR Teacher's Corner

<http://www.usaforunhcr.org/educationalresources.cfm>



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