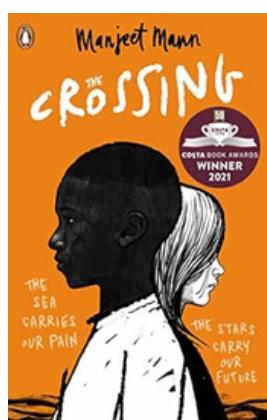
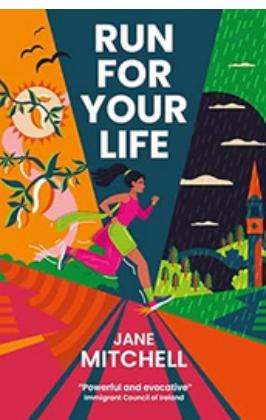
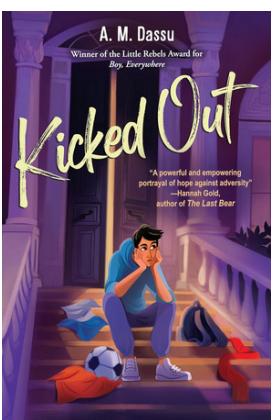
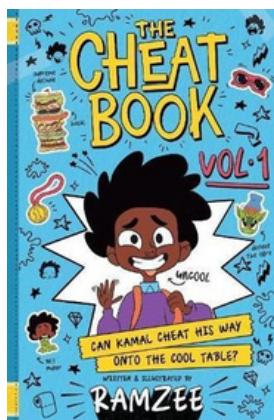
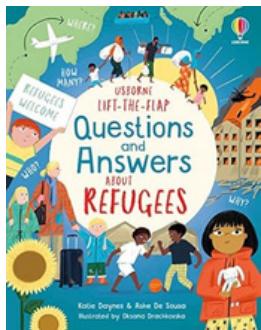
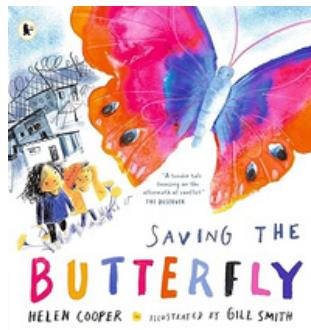




# Read for Empathy for Refugee Week 2025

**JUMP into someone else's story with this  
powerful list of empathy-rich books, exploring  
the refugee experience for and with children  
and young people of all ages.**



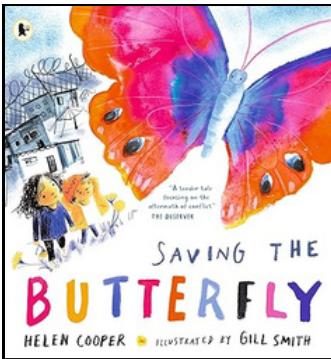
# Picture Books



## We Are Here

Kate Rafeq

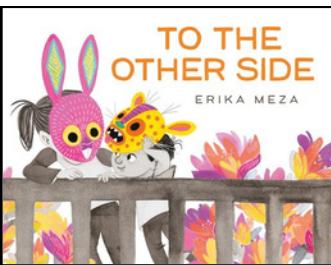
A small boy and his mother in an inflatable boat reflect on the journey they have made and wonder what the future holds. *Dune*



## Saving the Butterfly

Helen Cooper & Gill Smith

Two shipwrecked children arrive at a refugee camp. Whilst the younger child adapts, the older child withdraws. A beautiful butterfly helps the child re-engage with the world. *Walker Books*



## To the Other Side

Erika Meza

A powerful exploration of the refugee experience for older children. A brother and sister play a game, to get them through the toughest possible journey. *Hodder Children's Books*

# Non-fiction

## Lift the Flap: Questions and Answers about Refugees



Katie Daynes & Ashe de Sousa,  
illustrated by Oksana Drachkovska

What happens when home isn't safe any more? This highly topical, interactive book answers many questions about the refugee experience, for younger children. *Usborne*

# Novels

## The Cheat Book

Ramzee

Ramzee Kamal, a Somali refugee, uses The Cheat Book as his guide to how to fit in. A hilarious, easy read with a profound underlying message about the importance of our shared humanity.

*Hodder*



## Young Adult Novels

\*denotes titles for older readers

## The Crossing\*

Manjeet Mann

A brilliant verse novel told from the perspectives of British teenager Natalie and refugee Sammy, who is struggling to reach UK shores. A profound and unsettling read. *Penguin*



## Run for Your Life

Jane Mitchell

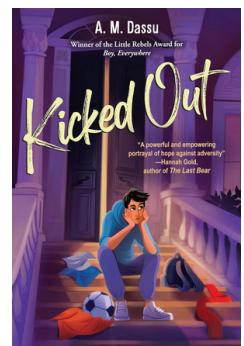
An astonishing book highlighting appalling acts of brutality against women and girls and the inhuman bureaucracy often faced by refugees. A story of human resilience and the powerful impact of empathy. *Little Island Books*



## Kicked Out

A.M. Dassu

An insightful book about being a friend and ally. Wonderful insights into how empathy drives social action. *Old Barn Books*



## When Shadows Fall\*

Sita Brahmachari

Grief, mental health and the importance of nature are interwoven in this complex and emotional book. The central character, Kai, is in a maelstrom of family trauma that nearly overwhelms him. *Little Tiger*

