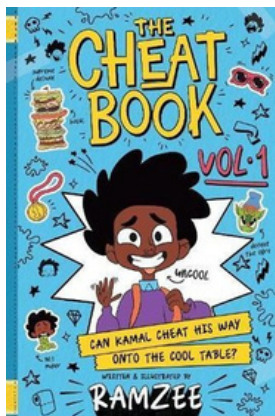
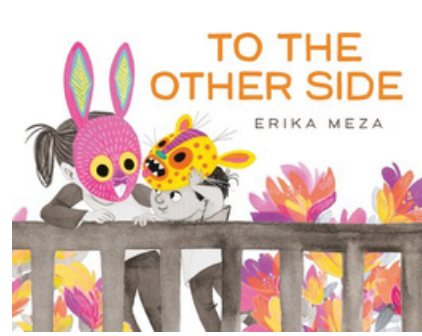
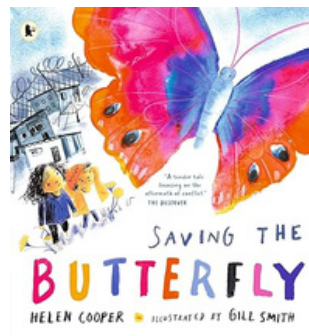
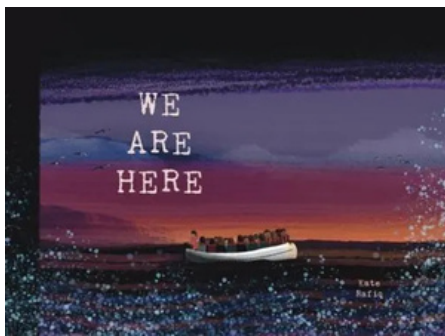




Read for Empathy for Refugee Week 2025

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

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

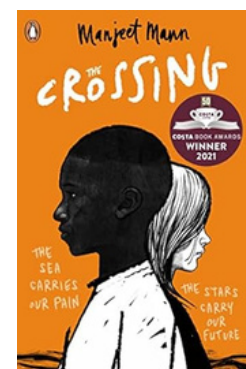
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The Crossing*

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



We Are Here

Kate Rafiq

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

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

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Non-fiction

Lift the Flap: Questions and Answers about Refugees



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