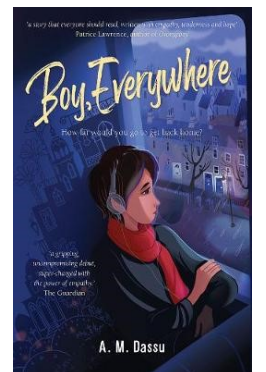
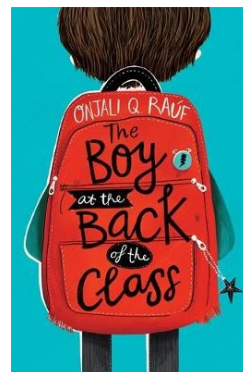
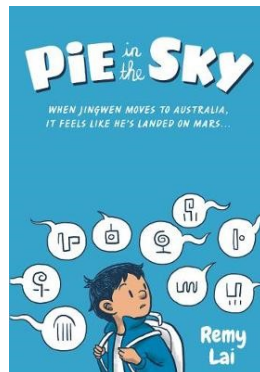
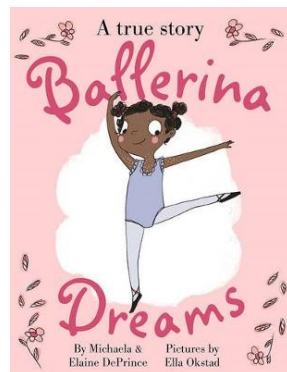
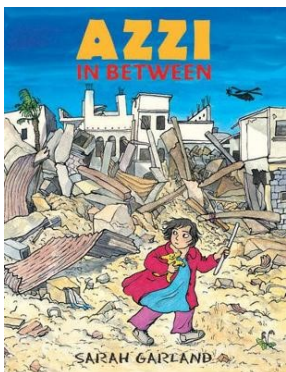
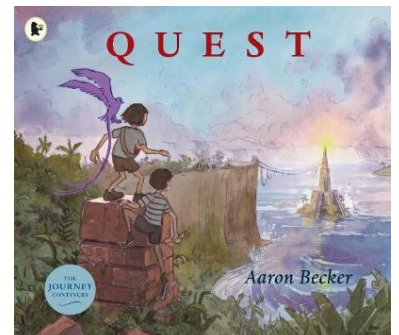
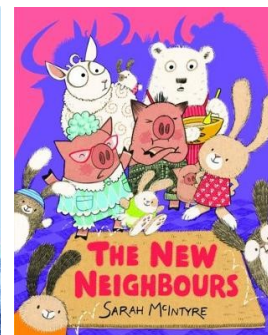
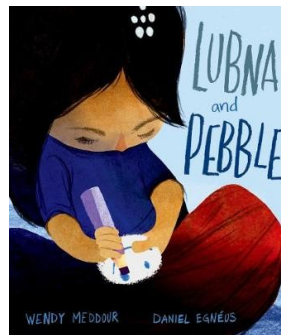
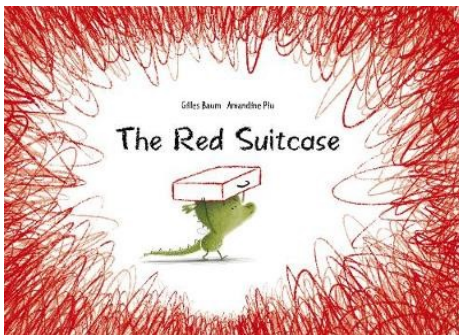
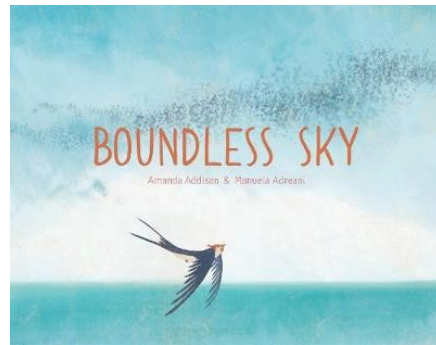
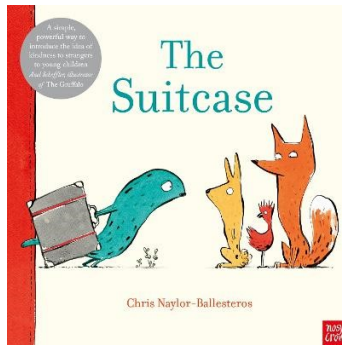
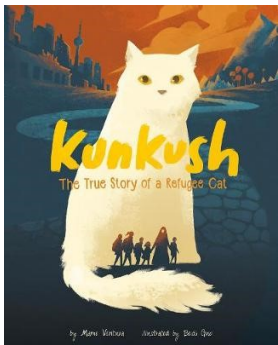


Books to Support Schools of Sanctuary





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If you are keen to build a culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers in your school, then the following list of books may support you in that journey. They could be shared with your pupils to mark A Day of Welcome on 11th June or be incorporated into the wider curriculum as part of your settings drive to become a School of Sanctuary. Find out more at www.norfolksos.co.uk

Note: although divided into three key stages, many of these titles overlap age ranges. They may not all be in print.

Key Stage 1

F/KS1	Author	Title
		Dreams of Freedom Wonderful to use with any age group, this is an inspiring collection of thoughts about freedom from famous people, each illustrated by a different fabulous artist.
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.
	Addison, Amanda; illus. Adreani, Manuela	Boundless Sky Beautiful illustrations by a local artist feature in this story comparing the journeys of a migrating bird and a refugee child fleeing war.
	Adewumi, Tanitoluwa	Tani's New Home This is a true story about a little boy who has to flee Nigeria, settling in New York where he becomes a chess champion at the age of eight!
	Barroux	Welcome An amusing picture book which nevertheless conveys an important message about being ready to welcome strangers who have suffered and lost their homes.
	Baum, Giles	The Red Suitcase Charming story about a small dragon on a hazardous journey, always clutching his suitcase. What can it contain that is so important? A sweet, hopeful tale, great for KS1.
	Booth, Anne; illus. Sam Usher	Refuge A lovely version of the Christmas story, reminding us how Mary and Joseph and their new baby had to flee persecution.

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F/KS1	Author	Title
NF	Brydon, Alli; Pink, Wazza	Love Around the World: Family and Friendship Across the Globe This picture book just avoids sentimentality by showing how different cultures may have different customs, but they all express the universal emotions of love and friendship.
	Davies, Nicola; illus. Rebecca Cobb	The Day War Came Really expressive illustrations convey the emotions of this story about a little girl and her family having to flee from the terror of war. (50p from each copy sold goes to the charity Help Refugees)
	Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise	Owl Bat Bat Owl An amusing picture book demonstrating tolerance when a seemingly very different family moves in as neighbours
	Graham, Bob	Vanilla Ice Cream A sweet, gentle story which conveys both the enormity and at the same time the inter-connectedness of the world. All his picture books are full of warmth and humanity.
NF	Gravel, Elise	What is a Refugee? After a stark description of the plight of refugees, with matching severely dramatic illustrations, the tone softens with the words of some refugee children and brief biogs of some now famous former refugees.
	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 dark horrors a little boy experienced in his old life.
	Lawson, Jon Arno illus. Sydney Smith	Footpath Flowers Gentle story of a child and parent on a walk. The little girl doesn't discriminate between who receives a flower from her.
NF	McCarney, Rosemary	Where Will I Live? Stunning photographs from the UN High Commission for Refugees 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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KS1	Author	Title
	McIntyre, Sarah	The New Neighbours A new family has moved in downstairs. Some of the residents are excited to meet them, others much less so. A jolly read-aloud with a serious message about stereotyping and making assumptions.
NF	McQuinn, Anna; illus. Ben Frey	My Friend Jamal Joseph's friend Jamal came from Somalia, and when they visit each other's homes they discover interesting differences in their respective cultures. See also the same author's <i>My Friend Amy</i> .
	Meddour, Wendy	Lubna and Pebble There is something very appealing to many children about small stones and pebbles, and this sweet picture book takes up that theme with a young refugee girl adopting a pebble as a 'friend' she can talk to.
	Milner, Kate	My name is not Refugee Looks at forced flight from home through a young child's eyes, and asks the reader directly how they'd 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.
	Mortimer, Helen	Omar, the Bees and Me A gentle story about a school project to encourage bees, which brings a little girl and a boy newly arrived from Syria together.
	Naylor-Ballesteros, Chris	The Suitcase What's in the suitcase that the newcomer brings with him? It could be many different things, but on discovering what it actually contains, his new friends set out to welcome him in a special way. Lovely, and good for discussion.
	Riddell, Chris (illus.)	My Little Book of Big Freedoms Very simple statements are accompanied by Riddell's distinctively powerful illustrations.
NF	Ventura, Mame; illus. Beidi Guo	Kunkush; The True Story of a Refugee Cat This is an attractive picture book about a lost cat being reunited with his refugee family after a long search.

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Key Stage 2

KS2	Author	Title
	Baker, Jeannie	Mirror A wordless picture book with an ingenious parallel description of two boys' everyday life at opposite sides of the world, which nevertheless connect in a neat and satisfying way. Uses this artist's characteristic fantastic collages, amazing!
	Bilston, Brian	Refugees A forceful poem with collage style illustrations starkly sets out opposing views on refugees, opening up lots of discussion.
NF	Brundle, Charlotte	'World Issues' series Includes titles on refugees and immigrants, with up-to-date information but which will need adult input.
	Bruton, Catherine	No Ballet Shoes in Syria The title is a little deceptive perhaps, as Aya was loving ballet lessons until she had to flee from Syria and start a new life in England. An enjoyable story about friendship, tolerance and courage.
	Cottrell-Boyce, Frank	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	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.
	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 compelling series of harrowing novels about a Jewish boy's experiences in Germany in WW2.
	Halahmy, Miriam	Saving Hanno: a refugee boy and his dog Karin Littlewood provides a lovely illustration for the cover of this novel about a Jewish boy sent to England as part of the Kindertransport. Reunited with his dog, the safety of pets is then threatened by the onset of war.
	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	Here I Am Story charts an immigrant boy's progress in adapting to a very different culture and surroundings.
	Lai, Remy	Pie in the Sky Plenty of illustrations and speech bubbles help tell this story of a Chinese family migrating to Australia. Despite having to overcome difficulties of language and culture this is an uplifting tale full of warmth and humour.
	Laird, Elizabeth	Welcome to Nowhere We follow Omar and his family as they flee the war in Syria, and share the terrible dangers and traumas of the journey to possible freedom and happiness.
	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.
	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	Olusoga, David	Black and British Extremely interesting brief history of Black Britain, adapted from the adult version. It introduces young readers to some of the many immigrations our country has absorbed over the centuries, including persecuted Huguenots who settled in Norfolk during Tudor times.

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	Palmer, Tom	After the War: from Auschwitz to Ambleside 300 boys were rescued from the concentration camps at the end of WW2 and brought to the Lake District for rehabilitation. This brief novel in dyslexia-friendly format tells the imagined story of three of them.
	Rauf, Onjali Q	The Boy at the Back of the Class A warm story about a group of friends who as they learn about the new boy want to help and welcome him, and try to understand the trauma of being a refugee escaping war.
NF	Robinson, Anthony	Gervelie's Journey This has been out of print for a long time, but we include it because it is about a refugee from the Republic of Congo who settled in Norwich and found sanctuary here.
	Rosen, Michael	On the Move A very affecting collection of poems with often stormy, sad illustrations by Quentin Blake, this looks at all kinds of human migration, some specifically referring to Rosen's own family story (which he has described in <i>Missing</i>) and the Holocaust, many referring generally to displacement and forced journeys.
	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.
	Tan, Shaun	The Arrival Classic portrayal of the hardships and struggles encountered by refugees and displaced people, whatever their backgrounds and reasons for emigrating
	Watanabe, Issa	Migrants A wordless picture book showing a group of animals (dressed in human clothes and behaving like humans) on a journey. Their bright colours contrast vividly with the black background, the animals' body language and facial expressions, which are often sad, frightened or weary. Hope does finally light up the final page.
	Wiesner, David	Flotsam This illustrator is a master at illuminating wordless stories. This one connects children from around the world (though sea theme may need to be treated with caution).

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