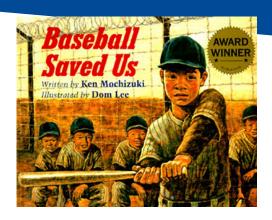
HCR Read for Refugees

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki, illustrated by Dom Lee

Shorty and his family, along with thousands of Japanese Americans, are sent to an internment camp after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Fighting the heat and dust of the desert, Shorty and his father decide to build a baseball diamond and form a league in order to boost the spirits of the internees. Shorty quickly learns that he is playing not only to win, but to gain dignity and self-respect as well.



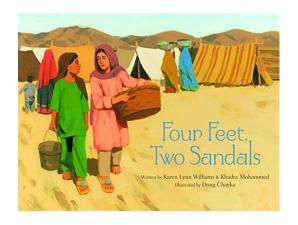


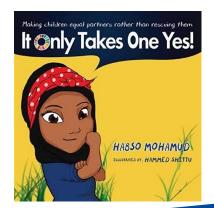
The Color of Home by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Karin Littlewood

This remarkably moving picture book follows first-grader Hassan through his first few days at school. Hassan has only recently arrived in the United States after he and his family were forced to flee Somalia, and he deeply misses the colorful landscape of his former home in Africa. But with the help of his parents, an understanding teacher, and a school art project, Hassan finds his homesickness and the trauma of leaving a war-torn country lessen when he paints a picture of his old home and shares his story. He also finds many things to like about his new home in America.

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, illustrated by Doug Chayka

When relief workers bring used clothing to a refugee camp in Pakistan, ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly - until she sees that another girl, Feroza, has the matching shoe. Soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one. The girls discover the true meaning of friendship and sacrifice. Four Feet, Two Sandals honors the experiences of refugee children around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear.



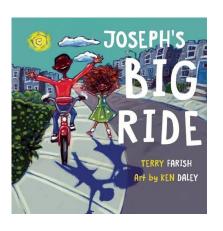


It Only Takes One Yes! by Habso Mohamud

"I wish I was the queen of the jungle," dreams little Nasra, the protagonist of the children's book It Only Takes One Yes. As queen, she would then help the homeless, feed the hungry, and make books grow from trees so that everyone could read.

Joseph's Big Ride by Terry Farish, illustrated by Ken Daley

After Joseph leaves a refugee camp and comes to the United States, he sees a girl on a bicycle—a familiar symbol of home that he'd always longed for—and begins to establish a real friendship and build a new life.





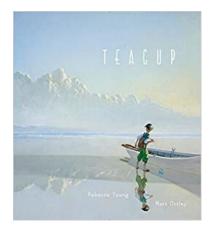
The Journey by Francesca Sanna

Told through the eyes of a young girl, the story explores the unimaginable decisions made as a mother and her two children are forced to flee their home and everyone they know to escape the turmoil of war.

My Hero is You

With the help of a fantasy creature, Ario, "My Hero is You, How kids can fight COVID-19!" explains how children can protect themselves, their families and friends from coronavirus and how to manage difficult emotions when confronted with a new and rapidly changing reality.





Teacup by Rebecca Young

A boy must leave his home and find another. He brings with him a teacup full of earth from the place where he grew up, and sets off to sea. Some days, the journey is peaceful, and the skies are cloudless and bright. Some days, storms threaten to overturn his boat. And some days, the smallest amount of hope grows into something glorious. At last, the boy finds land, but it doesn't feel complete until another traveler joins him, bearing the seed to build a new home.