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World Refugee Day recommendations for book clubs

If you're interested in exploring World Refugee Day through literature, we put together some book recommendations that you could use on your own or with a book club.

Fiction

Boat People

by Sharon Bala

Sri Lankan refugee claimants arrive by boat to British Columbia to seek asylum in Canada.

Where the Air Is Sweet

by Tasneem Jamal

Follows the story of a South Asian family who flees Idi Amin's Uganda in the 1970s to get resettled in Canada.

The Afterlife of Stars

by Joseph Kertes

Young brothers flee Russian-invaded Hungary with their family in 1956 and seek asylum in Paris, France.

Ru

by Kim Thúy

Based on the author's life, this novel is written in poetic prose and depicts her family's displacement from Vietnam and arrival in Montreal, QC in the late 1970s.

What Strange Paradise

by Omar El Akkad

A young Syrian boy flees the war via boat and survives a shipwreck to end up on a Greek island where he befriends a young local girl.

Non-Fiction

We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories From Refugee Girls Around the World

by Malala Yousafzai

Still With Us: Msenwa's Untold Story of War, Resilience and Hope

by Msenwa Oliver Mweneake

A Hope More Powerful Than The Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival

by Melissa Fleming

The Displaced: Refugee Writers On Refugee Lives

edited by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Our Friendly Local Terrorist

by Mary Jo Leddy

At The Border Called Hope: Where Refugees Are Neighbours

by Mary Jo Leddy

The Other Face of God: When the Stranger Calls Us Home

by Mary Jo Leddy

Refugee Countdown: A Canadian-American Partnership to Resettle A Syrian Family

by Bob Cowin

Children

From Far Away

by Robert Munsch and Saoussan Aska
([Free National Film Board video adaption](#))

Four Feet, Two Sandals

by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed
([YouTube video recording](#))

Escape from Syria

by Samya Kullab and Jackie Roche
(*graphic novel*)