

THE JOURNEY

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Flying Eye Books

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'These timely and distinctive illustrations offer a deep and emotional introduction to the losses and experiences that immigrant families face' – Judging panel



UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 14: If we are frightened of being badly treated in our own country, we all have the right to run away to another country to be safe.

ABOUT THIS BOOK

The Journey tells the story of a family forced to flee their home to escape the turmoil of war. It's a harrowing journey but one the mother hopes will lead her and her two children to safety. A simple narrative and dramatic and meaningful graphics look at the danger, uncertainty and loss which underpins every refugee's story of survival.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states we all have the right to life, freedom and safety. No one has the right to hurt us and our governments have a duty to protect us. If we feel at risk, we have the right to go to another country and ask it to protect us. This is what it means to be a refugee and to seek asylum. Refugees are escaping and risk perilous journeys because they are in danger. It is why governments should do everything they can to keep families together, to look after children if they have lost their parents and to welcome refugees.

HUMAN RIGHTS THEMES IN THIS STORY

Refugee rights; children's rights; right to life, freedom and safety; right to food, clothing, housing and healthcare; right to a family.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE HUMAN RIGHTS

- Which images make you feel happy and sad?
- Is darkness good or bad in this story – or both?
- How do the use of colours propel this story – and its mood – forward?
- How do you feel about people going on journeys like this?
- The narrator notes that 'the farther we go... the more we leave behind.' What might the children miss about home?
- Why has the author drawn the family riding on the neck of a bird?
- Do you like the ending? How would you end it?

ACTIVITY

Imagine you had to leave home in a hurry and you were only allowed to take one bag. Draw that bag and what you would pack in it.

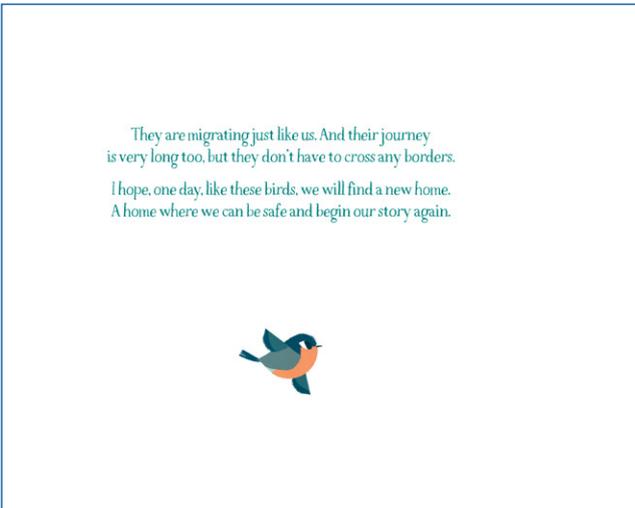
RESEARCH

Find out how many people in the world are refugees and where they are. Can you find these countries on a map?

I live with my family in a city close to the sea. Every summer we used to spend many weekends at the beach. But we never go there anymore, because last year, our lives changed forever...



They are migrating just like us. And their journey is very long too, but they don't have to cross any borders. I hope, one day, like these birds, we will find a new home. A home where we can be safe and begin our story again.



The Journey's inspiration came when author and illustrator Francesca Sanna met two girls in a refugee centre in Italy. She then began interviewing more refugee families in Europe, and created this book as a tribute to their plight and strength.

We are all born free and equal

The atrocities of World War II sparked a determination to protect the rights of all human beings, everywhere. On 10 December 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The preamble says it must be shared, learned by children and be a part of all our lives.

For a simplified version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights go to www.amnesty.org.uk/udhr

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