

KING OF THE SKY

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Walker Books

2018 Kate Greenaway Medal shortlist, eligible for Amnesty CILIP Honour

'The Lowry-esque figures are poignant, characterful and full of emotion, fully capturing the sensitive power of this migration story.' *Judging panel*



UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 13: We all have the right to go where we want to in our own country and to travel abroad as we wish.

Article 29: We have a duty to other people, and we should protect their rights and freedoms.

ABOUT THIS BOOK

A powerful and beautifully illustrated book about migration and its challenges, *King of the Sky* tells the story of a young boy starting life in a new country. He feels lonely and out of place until he makes friends with Mr Evans, an old man who races pigeons. The soft, smudgy drawings perfectly capture the boy's old and new worlds and the emotions they evoke in him. This book explores the impact of feeling unwelcome and the power of finding a connection that makes you feel like you can belong.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS STORY

Right to a home; to leisure and play; to freedom of movement; to belong to a country; to freedom of association; to be treated equally and with respect; to have a duty to other people.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE HUMAN RIGHTS

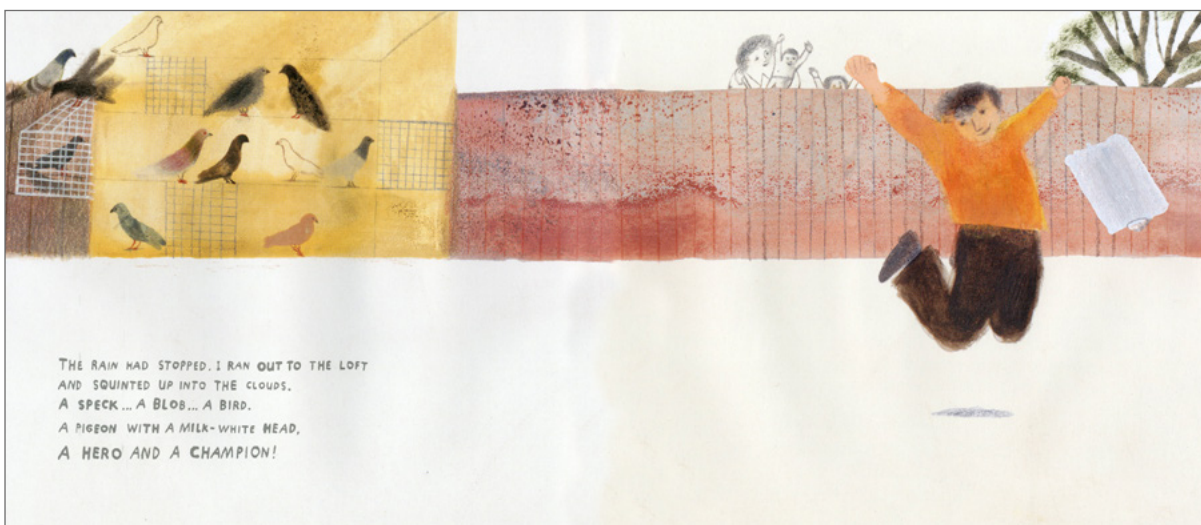
- How might it feel if no one spoke the same language as you? How do you think the boy feels?
- What would you do or say to comfort him?
- What do the pigeons symbolise?
- What do you like about the pictures?
- Have you had to move school, town or country? Or was there a time when you felt you didn't belong? How did it feel? Did people help?
- What does home mean to you?

ACTIVITY

Draw a map of your local area. Label the places and activities you would show someone new to make them feel at home.

RESEARCH

Find out why people migrate. Is there a history of migration where you live?



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.

When using these notes, you can download for reference:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights simplified version, especially useful for younger children [amnesty.org.uk/udhr](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/udhr)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child [unicef.org/crc](https://www.unicef.org/crc)

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