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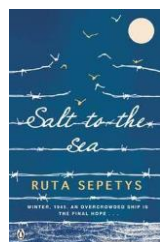
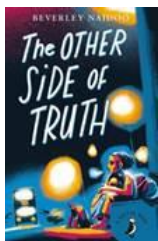
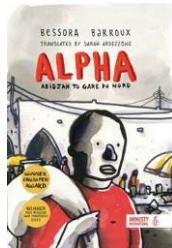
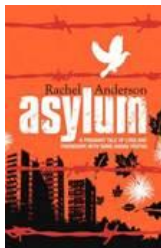


Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak to all our readers. The books featured in this issue tell the brave stories of refugees.

Books like this help us, as readers, to develop empathy and to understand what life is like for others who have had to flee their homes and everything they have ever known.

Today, we are raising money for the people affected by the war in Ukraine. If you would like to know more click [here](#).

Books about refugees and asylum seekers for teenagers



Click [here](#) to read more about the books above.

PODCAST CATCH UP!

Click the link on the image to listen to the latest GWR podcast from Manjeet Mann, one of the authors that is shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.

WINNER OF THE COSTA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2021 and the Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week - a trailblazing novel about two teenagers from opposite worlds; *The Crossing* is a profound story of hope, grief, and the very real tragedies of the refugee crisis.

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Manjeet Mann
Author of Run, Rebel and The Crossing.

Put your feet up and listen to the latest podcast featuring a fantastic new book from our library.

The shortlist for the Carnegie Awards to celebrate outstanding achievement in children's writing has just been announced and there are eight books in the running to win the top prize. This week's podcast is showcasing another of these fabulous books. Click on the image to hear the author, Manjeet Mann discuss the inspiration for her book, *The Crossing* and read an extract from her powerful verse novel about two teenagers from opposite worlds dealing with different kinds of loss as their paths unexpectedly collide.

The Crossing by Manjeet Mann

A trailblazing new novel, *The Crossing* is a profound story of hope, grief, and the very real tragedies of the refugee crisis. Natasia's world is falling apart. She's just lost her mum and her brother marches the streets of Dover full of hate and anger. Swimming is her only refuge.

Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes on his journey is a step into an unknown and unwelcoming future.

A twist of fate brings them together and gives them both hope. But is hope enough to mend a broken world?



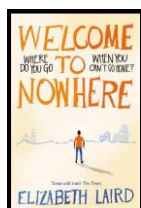
What's in the news?

Reading the newspaper or accessing the news online will really help expand your vocabulary and equip you with a good knowledge of current events.

Watching the news at the moment can be very upsetting and confusing. CBBC Newsround does a fantastic job in presenting current events to young people and answering their questions. Here, you can find lots of information about the current situation in Ukraine. Discuss the videos you have watched with your family and friends.



Click here to find all our content about the war in Ukraine



Welcome to Nowhere

Elizabeth Laird

Twelve-year-old Omar and his family live in the beautiful and bustling city of Bosra, Syria. Omar doesn't know much about politics, nor does he care, he just wants to grow up to be a successful entrepreneur. However, when his older brother, Musa, throws his lot in with the student opposition to the government, everything changes. Soon bombs are falling, people are dying, and Omar and his family have no choice but to flee their homes, and after that their country.

Laird, as always, takes on a complex international issue and deftly translates it for younger readers. While clearly about the Syrian civil war and refugee crisis, this book is perfect for developing understanding amongst children and teenagers regarding conflict and the resulting exodus of people anywhere.

Read about the author here.

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Guess the Mystery Reader



Featured Author



Elizabeth Laird

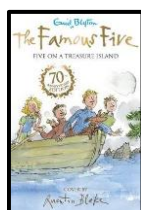
Elizabeth Laird has spent periods of time living and working in Malaysia, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Lebanon and Palestine.

These experiences have deeply influenced her writing, and many of her books for children and young adults are set in the countries she has visited, while others depict immigrant families adapting to life in Britain. To read more, click on the image above to access her



what is on their bookshelf!

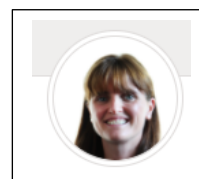
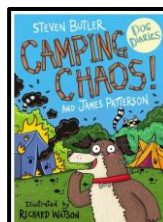
Favourite Childhood Read:



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Currently reading:



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