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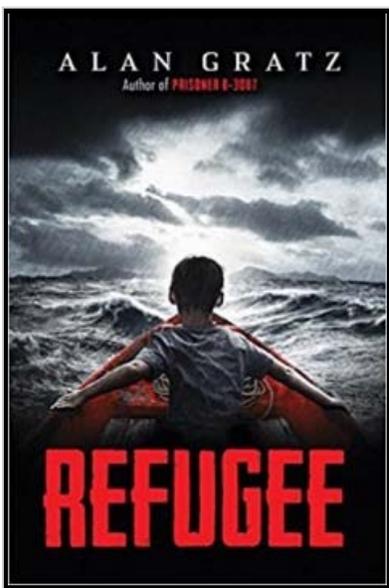


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Refugee

by Alan Gratz

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From the Publisher:

JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . . MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of *tomorrow*. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless...

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This novel -- ostensibly for kids, but gripping enough for anyone with a heart -- is disarmingly simple. It tells the eternal, universal story of refugees, of people fleeing for their lives and desperately seeking shelter. Author Alan Gratz tells three parallel stories from three eras. In present day Syria, a Muslim family leaves their bombed-out apartment building to start the dangerous trek to Germany. In 1939 Germany, a Jewish family flees Hitler's stranglehold via a ship headed to Cuba. And in 1995 Cuba, a family plunges onto a leaky, makeshift raft when Castro unexpectedly says anyone who wants to try to reach America is free to go. Young teens are at the center of each story and every tale involves hardship, sacrifice, terror

and faith. This isn't Disney, so don't expect unadulterated happy endings. But Gratz illuminates their plight -- and the plight of anyone forced to flee their home and treated like dogs for doing so -- with empathy and a minimum of lecturing. The facts speak for themselves. Ever thought of starting a family book club? Start here. -- Michael Giltz

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"This heart-stopping novel is not only compelling -- it is *necessary*." -- Judy Blundell, National Book Award winning author of *What I Saw and How I Lied*

"An incredibly important, heartrending, edge-of-the-seat read, bringing light to the plight of immigrants who search for safety and freedom." -- Pam Muñoz Ryan, author of the *New York Times* bestseller and Newbery Honor Book *Echo*

"With urgent, clear-eyed storytelling, Gratz's *Refugee* compellingly explores the desperation and strength that unites those struggling for a place to call home." -- Eliot Schrefer, *New York Times* bestselling author and two-time National Book Award finalist of *Rescued* and *Endangered*

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