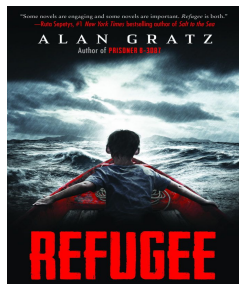


Proposed Core Literature Titles

The following summary is provided by the California Department of Education's "Recommended Literature List", and the top three Google searches of the book title and author name (e.g. Refugee by Alan Gratz) that produced a description of the title.

Refugee

Proposed Grade Level: 8



Title: Refugee
Author: **Alan Gratz**
First Published: **2017**

California Department of Education, Recommended Literature List:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/rl/>

This title is not listed on the CDE Recommended Literature List. This list was most recently updated in 2016, whereas Refugee was first published in 2017. CVUSD staff have already submitted this title for future approval onto the CDE Recommended Literature List.

Descriptions From Top 3 Google Searches:

NOTE: All three web pages below provide the below description of the title.

<https://www.alangratz.com/writing/refugee/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Refugee-Alan-Gratz/dp/0545880831>

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/refugee-by-alan-gratz/>

Three different kids.

One mission in common: ESCAPE.

Josef is a Jewish boy 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 and freedom 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 young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections will tie their stories together in the end.