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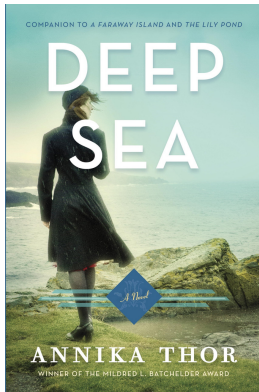
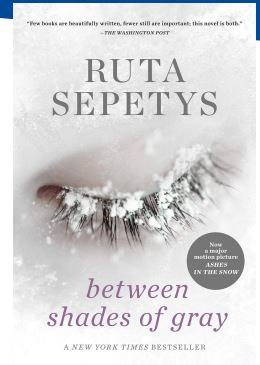
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Between Shades of Gray *by Ruta Sepetys*

Fifteen-year-old Lina is a Lithuanian girl living an ordinary life -- until Soviet officers invade her home and tear her family apart. Separated from her father and forced onto a crowded train, Lina, her mother, and her young brother make their way to a Siberian work camp, where they are forced to fight for their lives. Lina finds solace in her art, documenting these events by drawing. Risking everything, she imbeds clues in her drawings of their location and secretly passes them along, hoping her drawings will make their way to her father's prison camp. But will strength, love, and hope be enough for Lina and her family to survive?

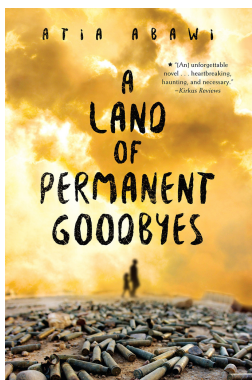
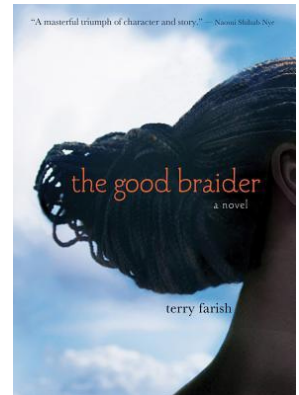


Deep Sea *by Annika Thor*

A deeply emotional novel about Jewish sisters who escaped Austria to live in Sweden during World War II, while their parents were sent to a concentration camp. Thor wrote this book in Swedish—it's a good opportunity for teens to read a work in translation.

The Good Braider *by Terry Farish*

Sixteen-year-old Viola is a refugee from a Sudanese village who's resettled in Portland, Maine, and trying to figure out her relationship with both her new and old homes. Farish tells her story in free verse.

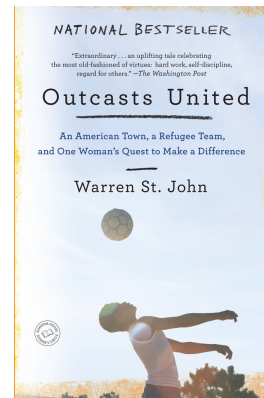


A Land of Permanent Goodbyes *by Atia Abawi*

In a country ripped apart by war, Tareq lives with his big and loving family until the bombs strike. His city is in ruins. His life is destroyed. And those who have survived are left to figure out their uncertain future. Tareq's family knows that to continue to stay alive, they must leave. As they travel as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn, Tareq must find the resilience and courage to complete his harrowing journey.

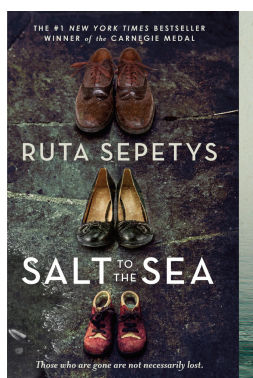
Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town by Warren St. John

The story centers around a soccer program for boys from families of refugees from war-torn nations who have been resettled in the town of Clarkston, Georgia. Led by the founder and coach Luma Mufleh, a strong-willed, Jordanian woman who turned her back on a privileged past to stay in America after attending Smith College, the three youth teams are a conglomeration of players from Africa, the Balkans and the Middle East. The challenges they face are many, including an ongoing fight against city hall for a field on which to play, and getting by with subpar equipment. Their biggest challenge, however, is the difficulty immigrants face in learning the ways of a strange land and living with the memories of tragedy.



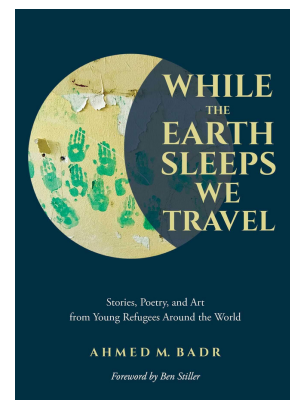
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the Wilhelm Gustloff. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety. Just when it seems freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes. Not country, nor culture, nor status matter as all ten thousand people—adults and children alike—aboard must fight for the same thing: survival.



While the Earth Sleeps by Ahmed Badr

A groundbreaking collection of poetry, personal narratives, and art from refugee youth around the world. Foreword by actor and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Ben Stiller.



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