**Recommended Booklist**  
*For Young Children*

**My Beautiful Birds** by Suzanne Del Rizzo  
[Buy on Amazon]  
[Book Trailer, Teaching Resources, Author Interview 1, Author Interview 2]  
Escaping the bombing of his Syrian neighborhood, Sami follows a long line of people trudging through the hills to a refugee camp. People patch together new lives, but Sami cannot participate. All he can think of is his pet pigeons that he was forced to leave behind. What will it take for Sami to begin the healing process?

**Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey**  
By Margriet Ruurs (Author), Falah Raheem (Translator) & Nizar Ali Badr (Artist)  
[Buy on Amazon]  
[Book Trailer, Teaching Resources, Website, Artist’s process, Making of the book]  
This is the story of Rama and her family, who are forced to flee their once-peaceful village to escape the ravages of civil war. With only what they can carry on their backs, Rama and her family set out to walk to freedom in Europe.

**My Two Blankets** by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood  
[Buy on Amazon]  
[Study Guide]  
A homesick little girl who has recently moved to an unfamiliar country comforts herself by clinging to an old blanket, but when she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture.

**What is a Refugee** by Elise Gravel  
[Buy on Amazon]  
[Printable companion comic]  
Who are refugees? Why are they called that word? Why do they need to leave their country? Why are they sometimes not welcome in their new country? In this relevant picture book for the youngest children, author-illustrator Elise Gravel explores what it means to be a refugee in bold, graphic illustrations and spare text.

**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate  
[Buy on Amazon]  
[Book Trailer & Study Guide & Website]  
Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. Funny, deep, warm, and nuanced, this is writing from the heart, and from a completely unexpected point of view.