Recommended Booklist
For Kids Ages 10 & Up

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Grades 6-8
Buy on Amazon

Two young people... two stories... one country: Sudan. Based on the true story of Salva Dut, this mesmerizing dual narrative follows two threads – one unfolding in 2008 and one in 1985 – with one hopeful message: that even in a troubled country, determined survivors may find the future they are hoping for.

Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate
Grades 6-8
Buy on Amazon

This book is inspired from the stories of the Lost Boys of Sudan. Kek’s father and brother did not survive the civil war. Then, Kek was separated. The story follows his journey across the desert and eventually to Minnesota. A beautifully written story that helps the reader empathize with the loss and struggle of young refugees.

Refugee by Alan Gratz
Grades 4-7
Buy on Amazon

Follow the lives of a Jewish boy in 1930’s Germany, a Cuban girl in 1994, and a Syrian boy in 2015 as they go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All three face unimaginable dangers but there is always hope of tomorrow. Although the three children are separated by continents and decades, their stories tie together.

The Breadwinner (Breadwinner Series): Book 1 by Deborah Ellis
Grades 5-8
Buy on Amazon

Parvana is an 11-year-old girl who lives under Taliban rule in Afghanistan in 2001. After the wrongful arrest of her father, Parvana cuts her hair and dresses like a boy to support her family. Drawing strength from the fantastical stories she invents, Parvana embarks on an epic quest to find her father and reunite her family.

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhhà Lai
Ages 4-7
Buy on Amazon

Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration.