Refugee and Immigration Resources: books, films, and more

Refugees

Audio

One Thing (Weekend America Series on what refugees brought with them to the US), http://weekendamerica.publicradio.org search “One Thing”

Books

- *By the Grace of God* (Suruba Ibumando Georgette Wechsler and Howell Wechsler, Congo)
- *Do They Hear You When You Cry* (Fauziya Kassindja, asylum seeker from Togo)
- *From the Land of Green Ghosts: A Burmese Odyssey* (Pascal Khoo Thwe)
- *Grey Is the Color of Hope* (Irina Ratushinskaya, USSR)
- *Journeys for Freedom: A New Look at America’s Story* by Susan Buckley and Elspeth Leacock
- *The Lost Boys of Sudan* (Mark Bixler)
- *Lost on Earth: Nomads of the New World* (Mark Fritz)
- *The Middle of Everywhere: Helping Refugees Enter the American Community*, by Mary Pipher
- *Notes from the Hyena’s Belly: An Ethiopian Boyhood* (Nega Mezlekia)
- *Of Beetles and Angels* (Mawi Asgedom, Ethiopia)
- *One Day the Soldiers Came* by Charles London (interviews with refugee teens)
- *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* (Anne Fadiman, Hmong in America)
- *Surviving the Slaughter* (Marie Beatrice Umutesi, Rwanda/Zaire)
- *What is the What* (Dave Eggers, Sudan)
- *When Broken Glass Floats* (Chanrithy Him, Cambodia)
- *God Grew Tired of US* (John Bul Dau, Sudan)
- *Born in the Big Rains* (Fadumo Korn, Somalia)
- *What is the What* (Dave Eggers, Sudan)
- *Thura’s Diary: My Life in Wartime Iraq* (Thura al-Windawi, Iraq)
- *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky* (Benjamin Ajak, Sudan)
- *I live Here* (Mia Krishner, J.B. Mackinnon, Paul Shoebridge, Michael Simmons)
- *Escape from Slavery* (Francis Bok, Sudan)
- *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* (Immaculee Ilibagiza)

Films

- *A Great Wonder* (Sudanese "Lost Boys and Girls")
- *Balseros* (Cubans)
- *Carly* (a child’s refugee experience), 7 minutes. Contact the CWS Film Library, 800-297-1516.

- *Darfur Diaries* (Sudan)
- *God Grew Tired of Us* (Sudanese "Lost Boys" – see also John Bul Dau's book by the same name)
- *Hotel Rwanda* (Rwandan genocide)
- *The Letter* (Somalis in Lewiston, Maine)
- *Lost Boys of Sudan* (Sudanese)
- *My Mother's Village* (Ukrainians)
- *Rain in a Dry Land* (Somali Bantu)
- *The Refugee All-Stars* (Sierra Leoneans)
- *Rosevelt's America: A Refugee’s Inspiring Journey* (Liberian refugee resettled to Chicago). Contact the CWS Film Library, 800-297-1516
- *Sometimes in April* (Rwandan genocide)
● The Tree That Remembers (Iranians)
● UNHCR Web Videos (www.unhcr.org)
● UNHCR-Japan Film Festival (www.refugeefilm.org)
● Well-Founded Fear (U.S. asylum process)
● Killing Time (Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal)
● The Unreturned (Iraqi Refugees)

Group Activities/Games
● Against All Odds – the refugee experience (www.playagainstallodds.com)

Immigration and Detention


Books

● An Immigrant Class: Oral Histories from Chicago’s Newest Immigrants by Jeff Libman

● Deportation Nation by Dan Kanstroom (www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog/KANDEP.html)


● New Faces at the Crossroads: The World in Central Indiana, text by John Sherman, photographs and interviews by Jeffrey A. Wolin

● Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the New Global Economy by John Bowe (Random House)


● Religion and Social Justice for Immigrants edited by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo (Rutgers University Press)

● “They take Our Jobs!” and 20 Other Myths about Immigration by Aviva Chomsky (Beacon Press)

Films

● Abandoned: The Betrayal of America’s Immigrants (detention & deportation)

● Dying to Live (Latin American immigration), http://dyingtolive.nd.edu


● Mojados – Through the Night (U.S./Mexico border)

● New World Order (U.S./Mexico border human rights abuses) www.nnirr.org/shop/videos.html

● Restoring the Right to Due Process (persons facing deportation)
  o BETSY DEWITT ACQUISTA www.breakthrough.tv/product_detail.asp?proid=87&id=7
  o ANSLEM IFILL www.breakthrough.tv/product_detail.asp?proid=93&id=7

● Strangers No Longer (U.S. immigrant heritage), http://nd.edu/~dying2li/strangers.shtml


● The Visitor (immigration, detention, transformation), www.takepart.com/TheVisitor