

The Boy at the Back of the Class..

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Get ready to be hooked!

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets – not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan...

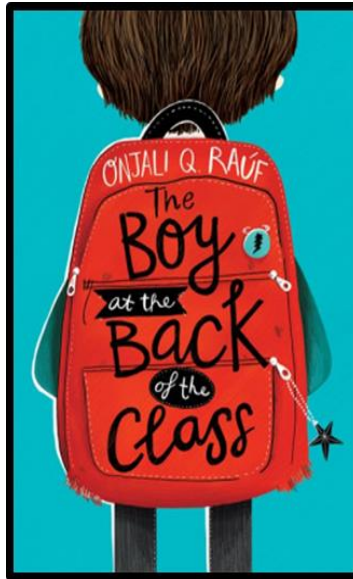
THEMES:

Friendship, kindness, trauma, courage.

CHARACTERS

Alexia	Narrator: telling the story. Her mum is a librarian. No father.
Ahmet	Syrian refugee
Mrs Khan	Class teacher
Brandon	Bully
Josie	She is a great footballer.
Michael.	Wealthy family. His parents are from Nigeria and France.

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Topics:	Activism, Friendship, Great boy role models, Great girl role models, Misfits and underdogs.



Where is Syria?

Syria, country located on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea in southwestern Asia. Its area includes territory in the Golan Heights that has been occupied by Israel since 1967.



DISCUSSION POINTS

- Is it always wrong to judge someone when you first meet them?
- Is it right to fight back?
- Should all countries have to accept refugees?

VOCABULARY

Asylum seeker	A person who seeks protection from their country, in another country.
Assimilate	To take something in and make it part of the thing it has joined
Bigotry	A liking or dislike for one thing rather than another especially without good reason.
Citizen	Legally recognised person of a country or commonwealth.
Clamouring	Make a vehement protest or demand.
Gangly	Tall and skinny
Harass	Subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation.
ingenious	Clever, original, and inventive.
Refugee	Person who flees their country for safety.
Seclusion	The state of being alone.
Scruples.	Feeling of doubt or hesitation with regard to the morality or propriety of a course of action
Terrorist	A person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians,
Vehement	Showing a strong feeling, or passionate manner.