

# Seeing Refugees

Who are refugees, and how are they different from immigrants, migrants, asylum seekers and evacuees? More people are displaced from their homeland than any time since the Second World War, and solutions to the problem can be complicated. The following resources give an introduction to the conflicts and issues surrounding the current refugee crisis.

## READ

*The New Odyssey: the Story of the Twenty-First Century Refugee Crisis*, by Patrick Kingsley

*The Guardian's* first-ever migration correspondent Patrick Kingsley follows the fates of several migrants fleeing different areas of the Middle East in order to frame the scope and causes of the refugee crisis.

*Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move* by Reece Jones

University of Hawai'i Professor Reece Jones gives us a detailed exploration of how borders are formed and policed, and what the effect is on those living in poverty.

*Cast Away: True Stories of Survival from Europe's Refugee Crisis* by Charlotte McDonald-Gibson

*Time Magazine's* correspondent Charlotte McDonald-Gibson weaves together the stories of five refugees fleeing Syria, Nigeria, and Damascus, as the headlines reflect their limited choices, and how those choices impact lives and families.

*For a simple explanation of the complicated Arab-Israeli conflict:*

1. Visit <https://www.sclد.org/world-book> for the World Book online resource
2. Type in "Arab-Israeli conflict"
3. View the following resources:

## WATCH

"On Her Shoulders", RYOT films

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Nadia Murad survived genocide and slavery to find herself suddenly the voice of her people to the entire world. From giving testimony before the U.N. Security Council to visiting refugee camps to soul-bearing media interviews, what is it like to be only twenty-three years old and the very public face of a peoples' struggle?

"Separated: Children at the Border" from PBS' *Frontline*

Examines immigration policy under both the Trump and Obama administrations, investigates the origins of zero tolerance, and reveals the journeys and voices of children who were separated from their parents.

"Exodus: stories of refugees and migrants fleeing war and persecution" from PBS' *Frontline*

The first-person stories of refugees and migrants fleeing war and persecution for Europe. Told through camera-phone footage filmed by the families themselves as they leave their homes on dangerous journeys seeking safety and refuge.

## **LISTEN**

“Refugee Stories Podcast”

Gives refugees the ability to tell their own stories anonymously, both triumphant and tragic, to the world. <https://www.refugeestoriespodcast.org/refugees-stories-podcast-episodes>

“Displaced” by International Rescue Committee

An informal conversation with policy makers, humanitarians and other key players about issues related to refugees and migration. <https://www.rescue.org/displaced#content>