

The Girl at the Front of the Class

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BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

There's a new girl in my class. She has eyes as wide and as golden as a tiger's, a face as pale as a glass of milk, and hair as shiny as a mirror. I'd like to be her friend. But she never wants to play with me in the playground or makes sandcastles in the sandpit.



OUR THOUGHTS

"A gentle but powerful story that highlights how being a refugee can be a very lonely, frightening experience. Perfect title for empathy collections, good for discussion and includes ideas at the back on how to help refugee children feel welcomed."

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THEMES:

- School
- Refugees
- Immigration
- Friendship

TIME TO TALK

- 1 The children's favourite time of the day is story time. What is your favourite time of the day and why?
- 2 In what different ways does Adam try to befriend the new girl in class? What does this tell us about him?
- 3 Why does Layla choose to be on her own? Have you ever wanted to be alone and why?
- 4 How does drawing pictures help when you are feeling sad? What did Layla's pictures tell us about her life?
- 5 Adam asked the cleverest people in his life to answer a difficult question. Who are the clever people in your life and how do they help you?
- 6 Have you ever helped someone new who has joined your class? What did you do for them and how did it make you feel?
- 7 How does having a best friend make school more enjoyable? Who is your best friend and what sort of things do you do together to have fun?
- 8 What sort of things can you do to make refugee children feel welcome?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

