

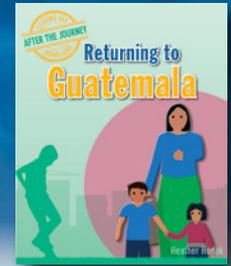
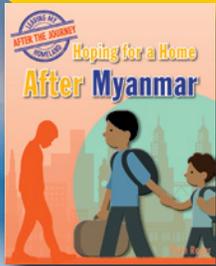


A refugee's journey does not end after they escape conflict, persecution, and displacement in their home country. Adjusting to their lives in their new homes—whether temporary or permanent—is a new journey. Continuing the stories of six fictional refugees featured in the award-winning *Leaving My Homeland* series, *After the Journey* is a thoughtful and important look at how refugee children and their families face and overcome challenges after fleeing their homelands. Each fictional story is interwoven with accessible, nonfiction text, which updates readers on the current conflict in that country and ways in which new countries offer support to newcomers. Discussion prompts at the end of each book support understanding and encourage critical thinking. Teacher's Guide available.

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Syed was forced to flee his homeland of Myanmar because of extreme violence and persecution against the Rohingya minority. After traveling by boat to Malaysia to meet up with his brother, Nazir, Syed must survive "underground" in a country in which he is not welcome. Interwoven with facts about the Rohingya humanitarian crisis and how refugees survive in countries such as Malaysia, Syed's story sheds light on the plight of Rohingya refugees around the world.

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Memories of fleeing war in Iraq, living in the refugee camp in Jordan, and the scary journey to the United States now seem far away to Zainab. But every day, as she attends school, plays sports, and participates in community groups in her new home in Dearborn, Michigan, she is aware that she will always be part of two cultures. Interwoven with facts about Iraq's conflict and the experiences of Iraqi refugees around the world, Zainab's story offers a thoughtful and unique look at the challenges—and triumphs—faced and experienced by refugees in their new homes.

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## From My New Home After Iraq

### Zainab's Story: My New Way of Life

For two years, I have been playing on the girls' soccer team at school. There are many girls like me who wear hijab and play. We use a special sports hijab with Velcro and magnets that make it safe if pulled. I love soccer so much. I could have never played on a team like this in Iraq. My father says I can play in a city league this summer. But I must keep my grades up.

My mother's friend says I'm lucky. They live in another part of the United States, and her daughter was ordered to remove her hijab to play soccer. When the girl said no, she was told to leave the game. That makes me sad and angry.



My sisters and I have started taking pictures of our life in Dearborn. We share them with family in Iraq. Miriam even has an Instagram site! She takes pictures and shares stories in Arabic and English. They make our grandmother in Iraq feel better when she is lonely for us. Last year at her high school, Miriam learned how to make films. She made one about our mother learning American ways and her fear that we would lose our values and culture in America. It made me see how hard my mother works and how important we are to her.

Posting photographs and messages on social media allows people to share their stories in their own perspective.



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