

# We all sleep under the same stars



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# Why use books?

**'It is through literature, not simply literacy, that we learn to understand and empathise... Through literature, we can find our place in the world, feel we belong and discover our sense of responsibility. Amnesty understands this very well.'**

**MICHAEL MORPURGO**



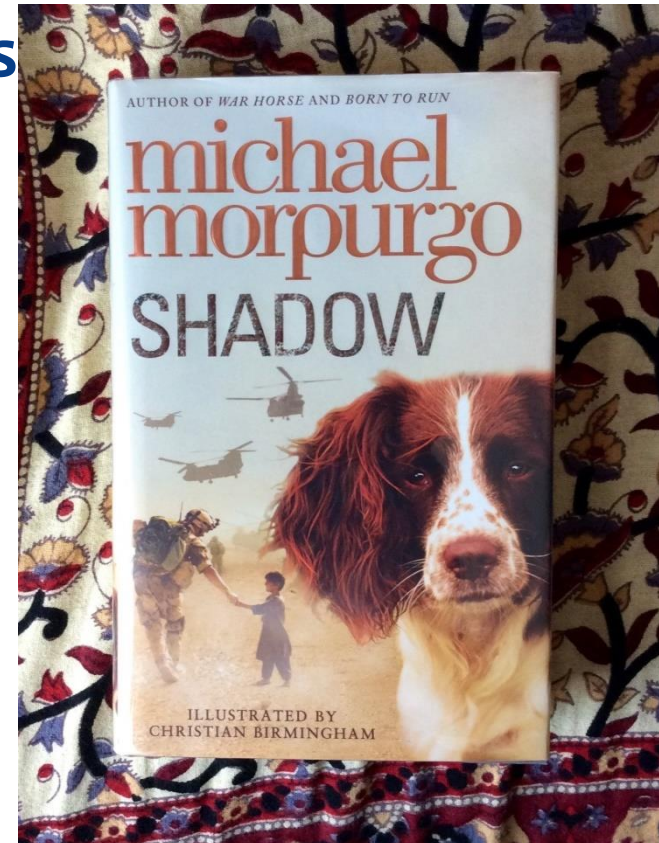
# Greenfield Primary School in Stourbridge



<http://www.letterpressproject.co.uk/inspiring-young-readers/2017-01-16/letterpress-event-at-greenhill-primary-school-we-all-sleep-under-the-same-stars>

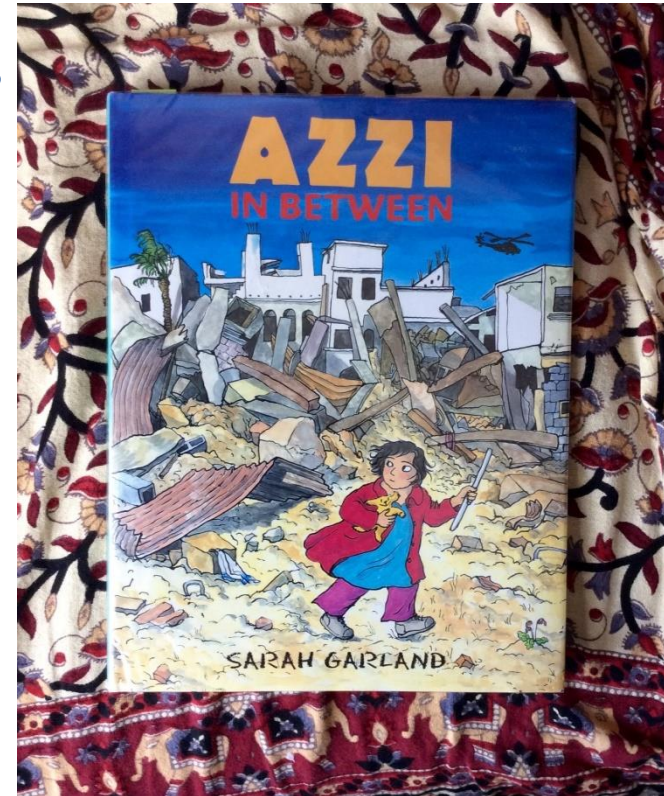
# *Shadow* by Michael Morpurgo

- \* A fictional story inspired by true accounts
- \* Afghanistan to Manchester
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> century
- \* War
- \* Shadow ( a Springer Spaniel), Matt, his grandfather and Aman



# *Azzi in Between* by Sarah Garland

- \* A fictional story inspired by true accounts
- \* Somewhere in the Middle East to UK
- \* 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> century
- \* War
- \* Azzi





# Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman

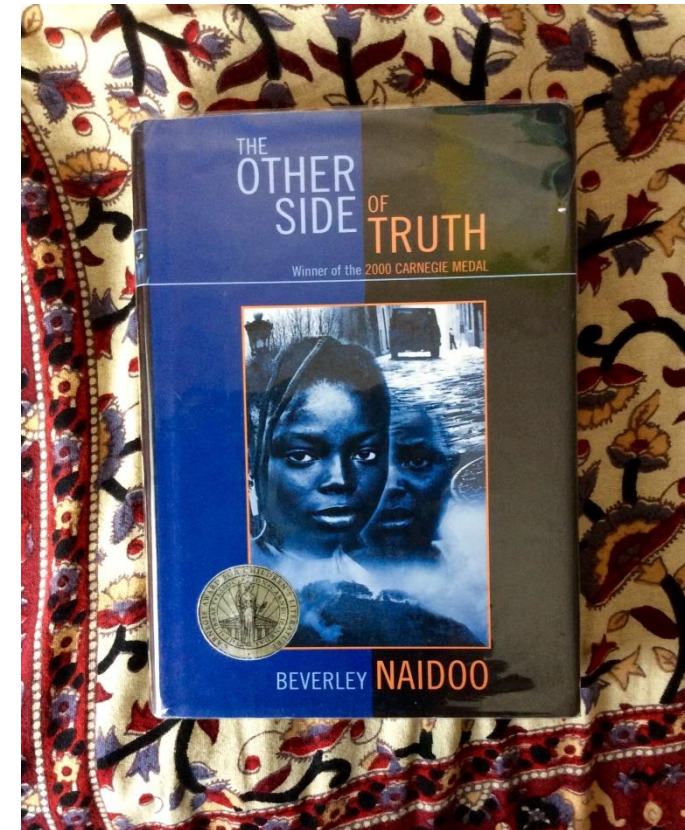
- \* A fictional story inspired by true accounts
- \* Afghanistan to Australia
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> century
- \* War
- \* Jamal



**‘ I wrote this story to express my sympathy for children everywhere who have to flee to survive , and my admiration for the adults who embrace them at the end of the journey’**

# *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverley Naidoo

- \* A fictional story based on true accounts
- \* Nigeria to UK
- \* Late 20<sup>th</sup> century
- \* Politics
- \* Sade and Femi
- \* **Personal message from Beverley**



# What happened next ...

I was inspired by the session because the main focus was refugees. I want to read *Boy Overboard*. martha

I thought Karen recommended lots of books for us to read. I wanted to read *Shadow*

Ben

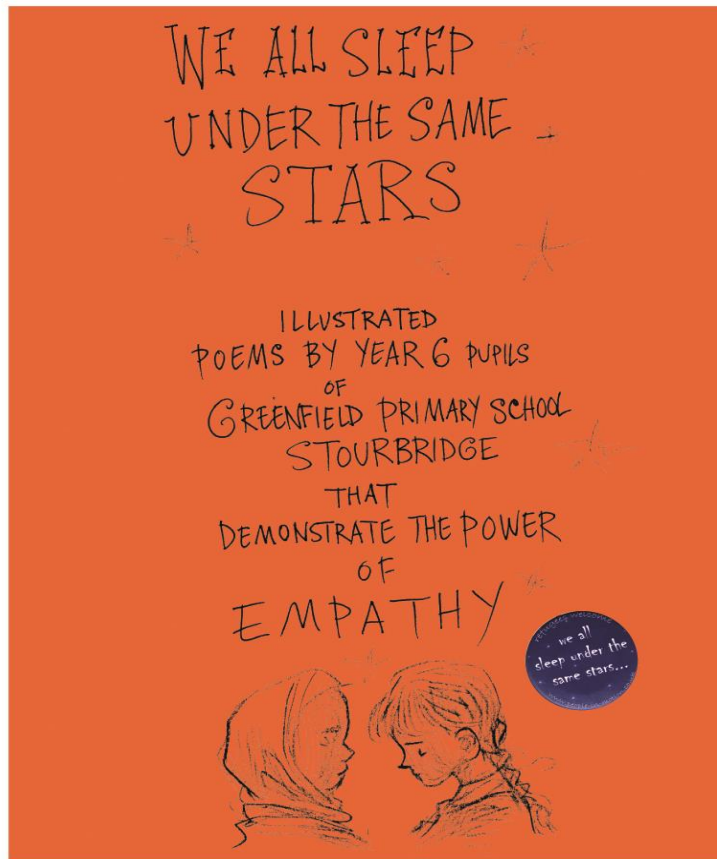
She has inspired me to read books about Refugees and Asylum seekers. The book I would like to read is *Hittler stole the Pink Rabbit*  
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~~I think~~ The lesson with Karen inspired me to write some poems and books about refugees and helped me understand what it would feel like to be a refugee.

Noah H



# The book



<http://www.letterpressproject.co.uk/the-resource-archive/2017-03-02/we-all-sleep-under-the-same-stars-illustrated-poems-by-year-6-pupils-of-greenfield-primary-school-stourbridge>

# Some examples

We All Sleep Under The Same Stars

## Refugee poem

I woke up to crashing outside,  
dragons had destroyed our town,  
darkness invaded my life,  
the tree which once stood tall was a  
lump of ash,  
our houses were gone,  
our only choice was to run.

We quickly rushed into the car,  
but father didn't make it,  
we couldn't stop to look,  
we had to carry on,  
we had to get to safety.

We arrived at the dock,  
we got onto a boat,  
it didn't look very safe but,  
it was our only hope,  
we set off for a new country and  
a start of a new life.

By Ellie and Morgan



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5am.

5am.  
Sound of fright baffled me,  
Petrified citizens fled from the country with fear,  
Anxiety gripped my throat,  
Bombs were scattered everywhere,  
This was for sure a nightmare.

Smoke made me gag,  
I was packing my school bag,  
We headed out of the door,  
Pressure of bombs had us to the floor,

Deadly missiles were launched into the sea.  
Just about missing my mother and me,  
Isolation trembled right beside us,  
We ran for our lives to catch a bus.

By Zain and Eve.



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We Gaze Upon The Stars

I woke up,  
In my own bed,  
In my own room.  
House silent,  
Door kicked down,  
Father and brother gone.  
We ran,  
We ran,  
We never stopped.  
Guns fired,  
People came,  
People fled,  
but no-one could stop them.

I woke anxious.  
Strange places,  
Strange people,  
Strange buildings.  
We are safe here.  
This is our home now.

By Lily and Tyler

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# The Book launch with Beverley Naidoo





# Proud authors and illustrators



<http://www.letterpressproject.co.uk/inspiring-young-readers/2017-03-10/sparkling-stars-at-newman-university-book-launch>

# More books are needed ...



<http://www.letterpressproject.co.uk/the-resource-archive/2018-06-18/a-revised-selection-of-recommended-books-for-children-that-include-stories-about-asylum-seekers-and-refugees-from-around-the-world>

# Thank you for listening

- \* Spread the word about the importance of these books
- \* Browse The Letterpress Project for reviews of some of these books
- \* Please like us on face book
- \* Contact me if you would like further information

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