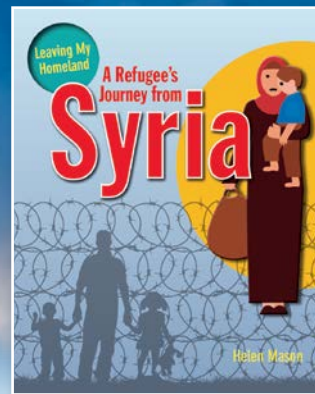
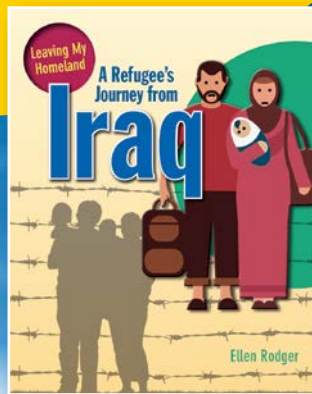
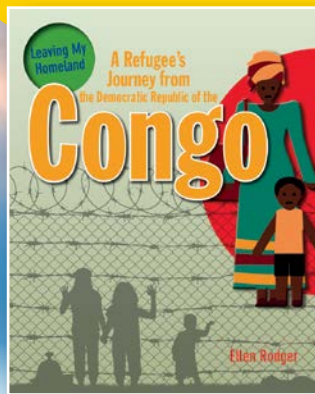
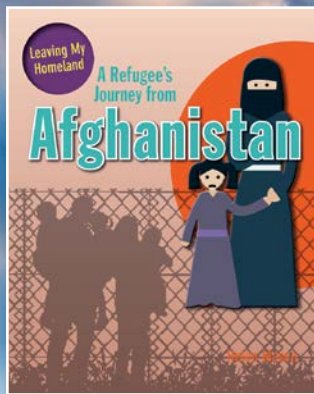


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**From A Refugee's Journey from Syria**

### Roj's Story: We Flee from Aleppo

When the war started, it was no longer safe to go out in the streets. One day, my school was bombed. Two teachers were killed. Saja, Ali, and my other brother, Mohammed, were trapped inside. Ali and Mohammed got out safely, but Saja's leg was badly hurt. She was taken to the hospital.

Aleppo is the largest city in Syria.

Kabane

Syria

Things got harder when Baba lost his job. He had worked as a teacher. But it was not safe to go to school anymore, so he stayed home.

Another day, Mama came home from the market upset. A bomb had exploded there. A policeman and two children were killed.

That night, I heard Mama and Baba talking. Two days later, we left Aleppo. Mama said I had to leave my bicycle behind.

We climbed into the back of a truck. I could hear gunfire as we drove out of the city. I fell asleep. When I woke up we were in Kobane with Uncle Hamzah.

Roj's family was able to take their clothes and some household belongings. Many people lose everything.

**UN Rights of the Child**  
 You have the right to freedom and protection from war.

In many parts of Syria, it is difficult to deliver food and medicine to people in need due to the fighting.

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