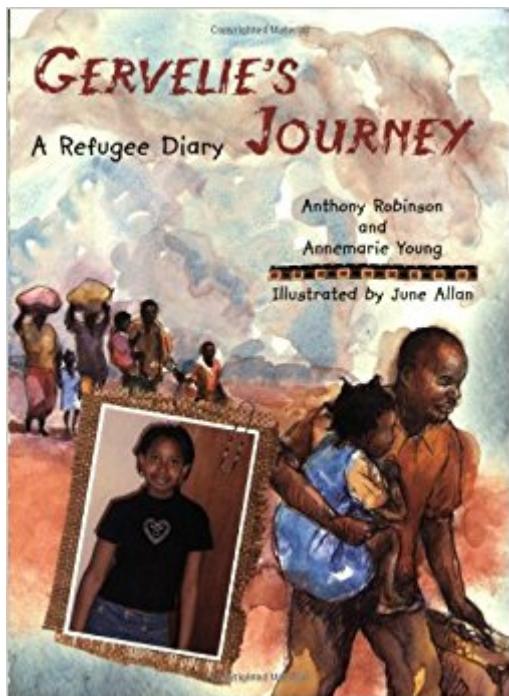


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Gervelie's Journey: A Refugee Diary



Synopsis

When Nkoula Thesia Gervelie was born in 1995 in the Republic of Congo, her mother and father had a nice house in a suburb of Brazzaville. When fighting broke out two years later, her father's political connections put the family in grave danger and they were forced to flee. Gervelie's Journey follows the family from Congo to the Ivory Coast, and then to Ghana, across Europe, and finally to England. Told in Gervelie's own voice and using her own photographs, it depicts with grace and sensitivity their long journey, their life in a new country, and their new hopes for the future.

Book Information

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The heart of the book is one child's painful experience, simply told. What makes this stand out from other refugee accounts for primary classes is its bravery in presenting the events as unresolved. This true story follows Gervelie from war-torn Congo to asylum in Norwich via the Ivory Coast and Ghana. Sensitively written and illustrated, the little girl's story is told without softening, sentimentalising or seeking to shock. It ends with Gervelie telling us about her ambition to be a singer and the spirit of this girl - whose family is still split and residential status in the UK far from assured - is fascinating. A great book to use for PSHE and class discussions at any age. Truly remarkable. Scholastic Best Books of 2008 It relates with understated poignancy the true story of a

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This book is told by a child who has lived the experience. This is good for other refugee children to know they are not alone.

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