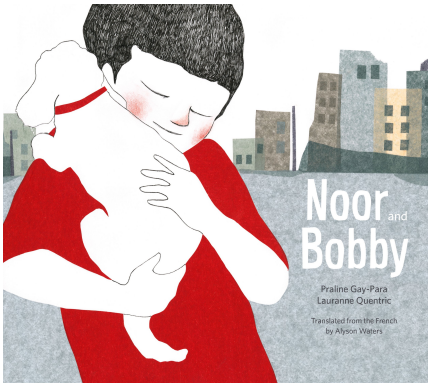
RESOURCES FOR YONDER: RESTLESS BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

NOOR AND BOBBY

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In a besieged city, Noor watches as his neighbors pack their bags and flee their homes—but a dog named Bobby is left behind. As Noor sets out across the ravaged city to save him, he discovers pockets of life and hope in this moving story of friendship in the face of adversity.

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"A hopeful story laced with complex themes of destruction that centers a child's love and kindness."

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *NOOR AND BOBBY*

1. What do you notice about the buildings in Noor's city? Where do you think the story takes place?
2. Why do you think all of Noor's neighbours had to leave?
3. What other characters besides Noor do you see drawn in the book? What are they doing?
4. What is a refugee? What can we do to help children and animals like Noor and Bobby?
5. How do you think Noor and Bobby felt after they found each other? Have you ever been reuinted with a lost pet or friend?
6. Who does Noor help in the book? If you were Noor, how would you help the characters who need assistance?

INTERNET RESOURCES

Talking about war and conflict:

"What is a Refugee?" Save the Children.

"How to Talk to your Children about Conflict and War" UNICEF.

"Kids, refugees, questions: 'what is it like to have no home?" The Guardian. 2016.

Learn more about saving animals in conflict areas:

"Four Ways to Help Animals Affected by War" First Vet. 2022

War Paws: Helping the Forgotten Animals of War

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Explore other books with similar themes:

The Cat Man of Aleppo by Karim Shamsi-Basha and Irene Latham, Illustrated by Yuko Shimizu

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