

A Book Review By Vicandria Greene – Year 7

Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah

I have heard of refugees; I have seen them on TV but I have never understood what life as a refugee is like. *Refugee Boy* has given me a true insight into the struggles and challenges refugees face each day. Reading the book was like listening to the voice of many refugees from across the world. The book highlights privileges that we take for granted such as being safe, having freedom and an education. *Refugee Boy* also depicts the cultural clash that Alem experiences when living in a new country and how he has to adapt to a new way of life. I thought going to a new school was scary but living in a new country must be **EVEN** scarier!

Refugee Boy talks about the unfair system of the Immigration Office and their lack of understanding of what it means to be a refugee – something I had never really thought about before.

This book is such an enlightening, heart-warming tale as it written from a child's perspective, therefore making it an easy book to read and understand. *Refugee Boy* is a book of emotion, challenge and perseverance. I think it is an important book as it teaches the virtues of gratefulness, faith, compassion and kindness.

Each page, each paragraph, each word has changed my perspective of life and others. **Why not borrow the book from our library and see for yourself?!**

