

## Books for Youth and Adults

### **At the Border Called Hope**

*by Mary Jo Leddy*

Mary Jo tells the stories of courageous men, women, and children who fled great dangers to come to Canada, and spells out the trials that they continued to face once they arrived. Leddy's faith and conviction have inspired and motivated many to continue the work of refugee sponsorship.

### **They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky**

*by Benson Deng, Alephonsion Deng, and Benjamin Ajax*

Between 1987 and 1989, thousands of Sudanese boys traveled nearly 1,000 miles to escape the carnage of Sudan's civil war. Three of these boys tell of their flight to Ethiopia, back to Sudan, and later to Kenya. They survived phenomenal challenges.

### **Refugee Sandwich**

*by Peter Showler*

Although more than thirty thousand refugee claims are decided in Canada every year, the personal stories behind them are rarely heard by the Canadian public. Peter Showler exposes the dilemmas and choices faced by participants in the refugee determination process in this collection of thirteen vignettes that focus on the roles played by the participants—legal counsel, federal court judges, interpreters, hearing officers, and, of course, claimants and Board members.

### **Hummingbird, Why Am I Here?**

*by Judith Hoskins*

This story was inspired by the actions of one woman, Maggy Barankitse, who saved 25 children during a massacre in October 1993 in Burundi. The violence continued for 15 years in which Maggy continued to protect and save thousands of orphans through her faith in humanity and in God.

### **Monzi and Mama's Stories**

*by Sonya Vanderveen Feddema*

This story for children follows the very difficult journey of a child forever changed by the ravages and loss of war, from his village to a refugee camp and a new life. It is told with stirring clarity and hope.

## **From Every End of this Earth: 13 Families and the New Lives they made in America**

*by Steven V. Roberts*

Roberts celebrates the strength, character, and contributions of newcomers. He shares the stories of 13 families consisting of professionals, international entrepreneurs, survivors of war and genocide, and business owners. As he relates their painful experiences before and after coming to the United States, he convincingly argues that “these immigrants are like the sun and the rain to America; they replenish our soul and spirit.”

## **In the Sea there are Crocodiles: The Story of Enaiatollah Akbari**

*by Fabio Geda*

Ten year-old Enaiatollah Akbari and his mother fled from Afghanistan to Pakistan because of threats to sell the boy into slavery. While he slept, his mother returned to Afghanistan. Alone, Enaiatollah struggled to survive. In a journey that included traversing mountains, hiding in the fake bottom of a truck, and riding in a rubber dinghy, Enaiatollah crossed Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, and Greece, and finally arrived in Italy where he was granted asylum. His story, magnificently rendered in Fabio Geda’s lyrical voice, is essential reading for all who wish to understand the plight of refugees.